

A Synaxis of Latin Saints (Plain Reading)

May 25th

On May 25th we commemorate Saint Bede the Venerable. Born in Wearmouth in the north of England, as a child he entered the monastery of Sts Peter and Paul at Wearmouth-Jarrow, and spent his whole life there, 'always praying, always writing, always reading, always teaching'. He wrote many commentaries on the Scriptures. His work *The History of the English Church and People* earned him the title of the Father of English History. He was ordained a priest and was dedicated to asceticism and holiness, and left a great impression on his students, including the Blessed Alcuin of York. He reposed on Ascension Eve and his dying words were Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Verses

On this day we commemorate Saint Dionysius of Milan. Saint Dionysius was the successor of Saint Protasius as Bishop of Milan in Italy in 351. In 355 he was exiled to Cappadocia by the Arian Emperor Constantius for defending St Athanasius. He died in exile but St Ambrose had his relics translated to Milan.

On this day we commemorate Saint Aldhelm. Born in Wessex in England, he became a monk at Malmesbury and served there as an ascetic and a teacher. In 675 he became abbot and in 705 first Bishop of Sherborne.

On this day we commemorate Saint Urban I, Pope of Rome.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.