

A Synaxis of Latin Saints (Plain Reading)

June 23rd

On June 23rd we commemorate the Martyr Agrippina of Rome and her companions. Saint Agrippina was a virgin martyr in Rome during the persecution of Valerian. She was much beloved by the Christians of Rome, and became an important patron of many communities and churches.

Verses

On this day we commemorate Saint Etheldreda, Queen and Abbess. Saint Etheldreda was born in Suffolk in England and was a daughter of King Anna of East Anglia and a sister of Sts Saxburgh, Ethelburgh and Withburgh. Twice married, she remained a virgin. She became a nun at Coldingham and then went to Ely where she became abbess. She lived a life of great holiness and simplicity. Her body remained incorrupt after death and her hand-relic survives in Ely to this day.

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