

A Synaxis of Latin Saints (Plain Reading)

August 1st

On August 1st, we commemorate Saint Ethelwold of Winchester. In 955 he became Abbot of Abingdon and in 963 Bishop of Winchester. Together with St Dunstan and St Oswald of York he led the monastic revival of the age, restoring the monasteries of Newminster, Milton Abbas, Chertsey, Peterborough, Thorney and Ely to monastic life after occupation by married clergy. For this reason, he was called 'The Father of Monks'. The Winchester School of Illumination flourished under him, as did developments in music and liturgy.

On this day we also commemorate Saint Almedha the Martyr of Brecon in Wales; Saint Arcadius Bishop of Bourges; Saint Ethelwold of Winchester; Saint Bonus, Faustus, Marus and their companions who were martyred under Valerian; Saint Exuperius the Bishop of Bayeux; Saints Faith, Hope and Charity who martyred by Hadrian; Saints Friard and Secundel; Saint Jonatus the Monk of Elnone Belgium; Saint Justin the Child Martyr of Paris; Saint Kenneth the Hermit of Wales, Saint Leus the priest of Viguenza, Saint Mary the Consoler, Saint Nemesius of Lisieux, Saint Peregrinus the Hermit of Italy, Saint Rioch the Abbot of Innisboffin, Saint Secundel the Hermit of Nantes, Saint Severus the priest of St Sever de Rustan and Saint Verus Bishop of Vienne.

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