

A Synaxis of Latin Saints (Plain Reading)

November 17th

On November 17th we commemorate Saint Hilda of Whitby. Born in Northumbria, she was a relative of King Edwin. Baptised as a child by St Paulinus in 631, at the age of thirty-three she joined the nuns of Hartlepool in Northumberland where soon after she became abbess. Later she became Abbess of Whitby. Her influence was one of the most decisive factors in uniting the Church in seventh century England. Five of her monks became bishops.

Verses

On this day we commemorate Saint Gregory of Tours. Born in Auvergne in France, he was baptised George Florentius, but took the name Gregory when he became Bishop of Tours in 573. He was a fine bishop and excelled as a historian.

On this day we commemorate Saint Anianus of Orleans. Saint Anianus defended his city during the invasion of the Huns under Attila. He interceded with the latter on his approach to Orleans, thus saving it.

On this day we commemorate Saints Acisclus and Victoria. Brother and sister, they were born in Cordoba in Spain and were martyred, probably under Diocletian. Their home was turned into a church. They are the main patron-saints of Cordoba and were venerated throughout Spain and the south of France.

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