

A Synaxis of Latin Saints (Plain Reading)

February 25th

On February 25th, we commemorate Saint Ethelbert the King of Kent and High King of England and Saint Bertha the Queen of Kent. Saint Ethelbert protected St Augustine's mission and may have been baptized by him as early as Pentecost 597. Though he never tried to force his subjects into Christianity, thousands followed his apostolic example. Saint Bertha was instrumental in Saint Ethelbert's conversion to Christianity, and, after her husband's repose, she took on the ascetic life.

Verses

On this day we commemorate Saint Walburgh. Saint Walburgh was sister of Sts Willibald and Winebald. She became a nun at Wimborne in Dorset in England with St Tetta and followed St Lioba to Germany. She reposed as Abbess of Heidenheim, from where her relics were translated to Eichstätt. Miraculous healings come from the oil which still flows from the rock on which her shrine is placed.

On this day we commemorate Saint Victor the monk of St Gall in Switzerland. He became a hermit in the Vosges in France where he reposed.

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