

A Synaxis of Latin Saints (Plain Reading)

August 20th

On August 20th we commemorate Saint Oswine of Deira, the King and Martyr of Deira, England. The Saintly Oswine was successor to Saint Oswald of Northumbria, whose throne split into two upon his repose. Saint Oswine became the ruler of Deira, located to the South, while the vicious Oswiu ruled the north. Saint Oswine maintained seven years of peace in his kingdom, but Oswiu ordered for Saint Oswine to be assassinated at Gilling in Yorkshire. Saint Oswine refused to engage in warfare and accepted his crown of martyrdom rather than causing bloodshed in Northumbria.

Verses

On this day we commemorate Saint Burchard of Worms. Saint Burchard became a monk in Lobbes, Belgium and was then made Bishop of Worms even though he attempted to flee the position. As Bishop of Worms he became devoted to preserving the canons of the Latin Church, and became one of the greatest canonists of the Latin West.

On this day we also commemorate Saint Hierotheus the Enlightener of Hungary, Saint Amator the Hermit of Rocamadour, Saint Edbert the King of Northumbria who gave up his throne for the monastic life, Saint Hadiun the Bishop of Le Mans, Saint Maximus the disciple of Saint Martin, Saint Philibert the Abbot of Jumièges and fearless opponent of the tyrant Ebroin and Saint Porphyrius the martyr of Palestrina.

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

