

= Cynfarwy =

Cynfarwy was a Christian in the 7th century about whom little is known . He was venerated by the early church in Wales as a saint , although he was never formally canonised . St Cynfarwy 's Church in Anglesey is dedicated to him , and his name is also preserved in the name of the settlement around the church , Llechgynfarwy (or sometimes " Llechcynfarwy ") . His feast day is in November , although the date varies between sources .

= = Life and commemoration = =

Little is known for certain about Cynfarwy ; his dates of birth and death are not given in the Bonedd y Saint (a Welsh genealogical tract compiled in the late 18th century using material from older manuscripts) . According to the 19th @-@ century Celtic scholar Robert Williams , Cynfarwy was active in the 7th century . According to the Bonedd y Saint , he was the son of the otherwise unknown " Awy ab Llehenog , Lord of Cornwall " .

Cynfarwy is venerated as a saint , although he was never canonized by a pope : as the historian Jane Cartwright notes , " In Wales sanctity was locally conferred and none of the medieval Welsh saints appears to have been canonized by the Roman Catholic Church " .

= = Church and feast day = =

Cynfarwy is the patron saint of St Cynfarwy 's Church , Llechgynfarwy in Anglesey , north Wales . According to the 19th @-@ century Welsh historian Angharad Llwyd , he established the first church there in about 630 . The present church (which is a Grade II listed building) mainly dates from the 19th century , but has some medieval fabric and a 12th @-@ century font .

Until the 19th century , there was a stone more than 9 feet (3 m) high in the field next to church , known Maen Llechgynfarwy (maen meaning " stone " , llech meaning " slate " and " ? gynfarwy " being a modified form of the saint 's name) . The settlement around the church , which is about 10 miles (16 km) from the port of Holyhead , is known as Llechgynfarwy (or sometimes as " Llechcynfarwy ") .

The traditional date for the feast of St Cynfarwy varies between antiquarian sources , although all place it in November . Some manuscripts say that it falls on the 10th , some on the 11th , whilst according to Angharad Llwyd and others the festival is marked on the 7th .