

it was the usual saying of the apostle St. Matthias: "The faithful sins if his neighbour sins." Such ought to be the zeal of every one to instruct and edify his neighbour by word and example. But woe to us on whose hearts no edifying examples or instructions, even of saints, make any impression! And still a more dreadful woe to us who by our lukewarmness and scandalous lives are to others an odour not of life, but of death, and draw the reproaches of infidels on our holy religion and its divine author!

ST. NATHY OR DAVID, PRIEST,

PATRON OF THE DIOCESE OF ACHONRY, ANCIENTLY CALLED
ACHAD, IN IRELAND.

St. FINIAN, bishop of Clonard, built this church in 530, and gave it to his disciple Nathy, called also Dathy, which in Irish signifies David, a man of great sanctity. He is surnamed Comrah and Cruimthir. The former, Harris thinks, bears the sense of consecrated or elected. Cruimthir signifies in old Irish a priest, the same as *saggart* in modern Irish. In St. Finian's life he is only styled priest; but in St. Fechin's, prelate or abbot. Harris thinks he was raised to the episcopal dignity; but Colgan, with all ancient annals, calls him only priest, though this church was made a bishop's see soon after his time. In the Annals of Ireland the bishops of Achonry are often styled of Luigny or Leny, from the little province or barony, in which Achonry is situated. The church is dedicated to the memory of St. Nathy, and his festival is celebrated on the 9th of August. See Colgan in MSS. on this day; and Ware, p. 658.

ST. FEDLIMID OR FELIMY, BISHOP OF KIL- MORE, C.

He lived in the sixth century, and is said to have been brother to St. Dermot,* abbot of Iniscloghran. He died on the 9th of August, and seems the same whom the registry of Clogher

* This Dermot is called by Colgan (Act. Sanct. p. 51,) *Naoimb Dhiarmait*, i. e. Dermot the Just, or Holy. Iniscloghran is an island in Lough-ree in the river Shannon between Connaught and the county of Longford.

styles bishop of Cluain or Clunes, near Lough-Erne, and says he was buried there near St. Tigernagh, first bishop of that see. These two brothers were contemporary with St. Kieran of Clonmacnoise, who died in 549, and with St. Senan, who died in 544. St. Fedlimid was bishop of Kilmore, which name signifies great church or cell, though the bishopric was only fixed at Kilmore in the great church of St. Fedlimid there, (which was before only parochial, but is now the cathedral,) by the confirmation of Pope Nicholas V. in 1454, and is often styled Breffiensis or Triburnensis, because it was before settled at Brefny or Brefne, and afterwards at Triburna, now an obscure village. St. Fedlimid's festival is kept with great solemnity throughout this diocese with an octave and indulgence. See Colgan in MSS. ad 2 Aug. and Ware, p. 226.

AUGUST X.

ST. LAURENCE, M

From St. Ambrose, De Offic. l. 1, c. 41; l. 2, c. 48; the four panegyrics of St. Austin, Sermon. 302, 303, 304, 305, besides four others in the Appendix to his Sermons, and his seventy-two hom. in Joan. two under the name of St. Ambrose; Prudent. hym. 2, de Cor.; St. Leo, Sermon. 83; St. Peter Chrysol. Sermon. 135; St. Maximus Taurin. Sermon. 56; St. Fulgentius, &c. The Acts of St. Laurence being a modern compilation are not here made use of. See Tillemont, t. 4.

A. D. 258.

THERE are few martyrs in the church whose names are so famous as that of the glorious St. Laurence, in whose praises the most illustrious among the Latin fathers have exerted their eloquence, and whose triumph, to use the words of St. Maximus, the whole Church joins in a body to honour with universal joy and devotion. The ancient fathers make no mention of his birth or education; but the Spaniards call him their countryman. His extraordinary virtue in his youth recommended him to St. Xystus, then archdeacon of Rome, who took him under his protection, and would be himself his instructor in the study of the holy scriptures, and in the maxims of Christian perfection. St. Xystus being raised to the pontificate in 257, he ordained