

*Sancta Sophia.* See his acts in the Bollandists, and in most compilers of the lives of saints. Also Jos. Assemani in *Cal. Univ.* ad 13 Feb. t. 6. p. 145.

ST. MODOMNOC, OR DOMINICK,  
OF OSSORY, C.

HE is said to have been of the noble race of the O'Neils, and passing into Wales, to have studied under St. David in the Vale of Ross. After his return home he served God at Tiprat Fachna, in the western part of Ossory. He is said to have been honoured there with the episcopal dignity, about the middle of the sixth century. The see of Ossory was translated from Seirkeran, the capital of this small county, to Aghavo, in the eleventh century, and in the twelfth, in the reign of Henry II. to Kilkenny. See Sir James Ware, l. De Antiquitatibus Hiberniæ, and l. De Episcopat. Hibern.

ST. STEPHEN, ABBOT.

HE was abbot of a monastery near the walls of Rieti in Italy, and a man of admirable sanctity. He had despised all things for the love of heaven. He shunned all company to employ himself wholly in prayer. So wonderful was his patience, that he looked upon them as his greatest friends and benefactors who did him the greatest injuries, and regarded insults as his greatest gain. He lived in extreme poverty, and a privation of all the conveniences of life. His barns, with all the corn in them, the whole subsistence of his family, were burned down by wicked men. He received the news with cheerfulness, grieving only for their sin by which God was offended. In his agony angels were seen surrounding him to conduct his happy soul to bliss. He lived in the sixth age. He is named in the Roman Martyrology. See St. Gregory, hom. 35. in *Evang.* t. 1. p. 1616. and l. 4. *Dial.* c. 19.

B. ROGER, ABBOT, C.

HAVING embraced the Cistercian order at Loroy, or Locus Regis, in Berry, he was chosen abbot of Elan near Retel in Champagne, and died about the year 1176. His remains are enshrined in a chapel which bears his name, in the church at Elan, where his festival is kept with a mass in his honour on the 13th of February. His life was written by a monk of Elan. See Chate-lain, on the 4th of January, on which day his name occurs in a Cistercian calendar printed at Dijon.