

CURIG (fl. 550?), saint

Name: Curig Gender: Male
Occupation: saint Area of activity: Religion Author: John Edward Lloyd

The patron of Llangurig, a very large parish in the south of Arwystli; possibly, also, of Eglwys-Fair-a-Churig in Carmarthenshire and Capel Curig in Caernarfonshire. He was known as Curig Lwyd (the Blessed) and Curig Farchog (the Knight); in the late 'Buchedd Curic' he is brought into association with Maelgwn Gwynedd. In the time of Giraldus Cambrensis, his pastoral staff, richly decorated with gold and silver and famous for its miraculous cures, was treasured at S. Harmon's, having somehow crossed the border into Gwerthrynion. Of his history virtually nothing is known; he appears in no pedigrees, and at an early date was confused with Cyricus, the Cilician child, who, with his mother Julitta (in Welsh Ilid), was killed in the persecution of Diocletian. Their day is given as 16 June, which accordingly is the festival day of Llangurig. The identity of the Welsh Curig and the Breton Kirik, whose day is 17 February, is open to doubt.

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Sources

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