

SAINT EGBERT OF RATHMIGISI

Feast Day: April 24



Saint **EGBERT** was born to Northumbrian nobility in 639 AD and in his youth undertook a **PILGRIMAGE** to **RATHMIGISI** monastery in County Louth, Ireland. During his stay the **PLAGUE** took hold and killed one of his companions. Sick and fearing for his own life, Saint Egbert prayed that God would spare him and **VOWED** to live a holy life, remaining in perpetual **EXILE** from Britain. After his recovery and subsequent ordination, Saint Egbert became a passionate **MISSIONARY** and probably a travelling Bishop, organizing the missions of Saints **WILLIBORD** and **WIGBOD** to the **FRISIANS** (Germanic tribes) in Europe. He hoped to travel with them, but was instructed in a vision received by the

Venerable **BEDE** to focus his energies on **REFORM** of the monastic life. Initially resisting this message, he eventually travelled to **IONA** in 716 AD and after thirteen years of gentle persuasion convinced the monks to adopt the Roman method of calculating the date of **EASTER**. Saint Egbert died aged 90, several hours after celebrating the first reformed Easter Mass in 729 AD.

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