

Festivals and Saints' Days (w/c 8th March)

8th March

Edward King - *bishop*

Edward King is not a saint - hence the Requiem. However, he is generally recognised to have been a saintly man and was a rare episcopal presence in the nineteenth century Catholic Revival.

King was born in 1829 into a very clerical family. He himself became Regius Professor of Pastoral Theology at Oxford and also principal of Cuddesdon Theological College. He went on to found Saint Stephen's House - an unashamed Anglo-Catholic institution. He was subsequently consecrated Bishop of Lincoln from which position he fought the prosecutions of ritualist clergy. Somewhat predictably, he himself fell foul of these procedures. Of six charges, two were upheld and the others dismissed. Today, all of those practices would be considered unremarkable. He died in 1910, rather bruised by his experiences.

