

Festivals and Saints' Days (w/c 9th November)

10th November

Saint Leo the Great - *doctor of the church, bishop*

Leo was born around AD400 and died in AD461. He became Pope in AD440; and some say that his papacy was one of the most significant that there has been. He is best known for dissuading Attila the Hun from his intended invasion of Italy. He was also a notable theologian and he made important contributions to the Council of Chalcedon (AD451), which settled important questions of Christian Faith. He also pioneered the understanding of the connexion between Saint Peter and the papacy.



11th November



Saint Martin of Tours - *bishop*

Martin was born in AD316 and died in AD397. He converted to Christianity at an early age (and against the wishes of his parents) and rose to become the third Bishop of Tours. He served as in the Roman cavalry in Gaul (following his father, who was a senior officer in the army); but left this in AD361 when he became a disciple of S Hilary of Poitiers. He established himself in a hermitage near Poitiers; he was consecrated bishop in AD371 (reluctantly, so it is said). He was an energetic bishop and threw himself into the controverted questions of his day.