

ST. CECILIA



St. Cecilia is the patron saint of music and musicians. She was a noble lady of Rome who, with her husband Valerian, his brother Tiburtius, and a Roman soldier named Maximus, suffered martyrdom in about 230, under the Emperor Alexander Severus or according to Venantius Fortunatus, Bishop of Poitiers (d.

600), he perished in Sicily under Emperor Marcus Aurelius between 176 and 180. Whichever account is accurate she suffered death for Christ and by the 16th century was acclaimed as the patron saint of musicians.

On Sunday July 15th we will remember before God Alan Harwood lately Director of Music at St. Martin's. This family remembrance will be accompanied with glorious music and singing. I hope all us with be there to give thanks to God for Alan's life and work and honour to our musical tradition.

