

St. Oswald

St. Oswald of Northumbria, the son of a pagan king, was born circa 605 in England. After his father was killed, 11-year-old St. Oswald fled with his mother and six siblings. The young boy converted to Christianity soon after. A soldier, he formed his own army in 634 and defeated the king of Northumbria to take over the crown. St. Oswald built churches and monasteries, and brought monks from Scotland to start monastic life in the area. He died in 642 while in battle with non-Christian invaders. He was charitable toward the poor, devoted to his kingdom and was very pious. St. Oswald is patron saint of Zug, Switzerland.