

DUNAWD, saint (fl. 6th century).

Name: Dunawd
Spouse: Dwywai ferch Leennawg
Child: Gwarthan
Child: Cynwyl
Child: Deiniol
Parent: Pabo Post Prydain
Gender: Male
Occupation: saint
Area of activity: Religion
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Welsh tradition relates that Dunawd, son of Pabo Post Prydain of the line of Coel Godebog, was originally a North British chieftain, whom the triads call one of the three battle-pillars ('tri post câd') of his country. Dwywai, daughter of Lleënog, was his wife. Driven from his territory, Dunawd fled into North Wales where Cyngen, son of Cadell Deyrnllwg, prince of Powys, gave him his protection. With his three sons **Deiniol**, Cynwyl, and Gwarthan, he founded the monastery of Bangor Iscoed on the banks of the Dee in Flintshire, and became its first abbot. **Sir John E. Lloyd**, however, rejects this tradition and prefers to regard **Saint Deiniol** as the founder of Bangor Iscoed. *Ann. C.* record the death of 'Dunaut rex' in the year 595. But Bede states that Dunawd ('Dinoot') was still abbot of Bangor Iscoed at the time of the second meeting of Augustine with the seven Welsh bishops in 602 or 603. Bangor Iscoed is the only church dedicated to S. Dunawd, and his feast-day, which does not occur in the early Welsh calendars, is sometimes given as 7 September

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