

~ Scarborough's St Valentine's Day Programme ~

The Happy Meeting
The Hopeful Lovers
The Valentine
Kiss Me Quick Mi Mother's Coming
Cape Town Wedding
The Honeymoon
C'est L'amour
Xtra: The Kissing Bridge



FYI: Saint Valentine ([Italian](#): *San Valentino*; [Latin](#): *Valentinus*) was a 3rd-century Roman [saint](#), commemorated in Western [Christianity](#) on February 14 and in [Eastern Orthodoxy](#) on July 6. From the [High Middle Ages](#), his Saints' Day has been associated with a tradition of [courtly love](#). He is also a [patron saint](#) of [Terni](#), [epilepsy](#) and [beekeepers](#).^{[2][3]}

Saint Valentine was a clergyman – either a priest or a [bishop](#) – in the [Roman Empire](#) who ministered to [persecuted Christians](#).^[4] He was [martyred](#) and his body buried at a Christian cemetery on the [Via Flaminia](#) on February 14, which has been observed as the [Feast of Saint Valentine](#) (Saint Valentine's Day) since 496.

Relics of him were kept in the [Church and Catacombs of San Valentino](#) in [Rome](#), which "remained an important pilgrim site throughout the Middle Ages until the relics of St. Valentine were transferred to the church of [Santa Prassede](#) during the pontificate of [Nicholas IV](#)".^[5] His skull, crowned with flowers, is exhibited in the Basilica of [Santa Maria in Cosmedin](#), Rome; other relics of him were taken to [Whitefriar Street Carmelite Church](#) in [Dublin, Ireland](#), where they remain; this house of worship continues to be a popular place of pilgrimage, especially on Saint Valentine's Day, for those seeking love.^{[6][7]} At least two different Saint Valentines are mentioned in the early [martyrologies](#).^[8] For **Saint Valentine of Rome**, along with **Saint Valentine of Terni**, "abstracts of the acts of the two saints were in nearly every church and monastery of Europe", according to Professor Jack B. Oruch of the University of Kansas.^[9]

Saint Valentine is commemorated in the [Anglican Communion](#)^[10] and the [Lutheran Churches](#) on February 14.^[11] In the [Eastern Orthodox Church](#), he is recognized on [July 6](#); in addition, the Eastern Orthodox Church observes the feast of Hieromartyr Valentine, Bishop of Interamna, on [July 30](#).^[12] ^[13] In 1969, the [Roman Catholic Church](#) removed his name from the [General Roman Calendar](#), leaving his liturgical celebration to local calendars, though use of the pre-1970 liturgical calendar is also authorized under the conditions indicated in the motu proprio [Summorum Pontificum](#) of 2007. ^[14] The Roman Catholic Church continues to recognize him as a saint, listing him as such in the February 14 entry in the [Roman Martyrology](#),^[15] and authorizing liturgical veneration of him on February 14 in any place where that day is not devoted to some other obligatory celebration, in accordance with the rule that on such a day the Mass may be that of any saint listed in the Martyrology for that day.^[16]