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Gelasius of Ireland († 21 Nov 1580)

1. Name variants: Glaisne of Ireland, G. O’Cullenan, G. Ó Cuileanáin

2. Places: Boyle, County Roscommon

3. Biography: G. was the oldest brother of seven and was born in Ballyshannon in the county of Donegal in Ireland. Four of his brothers were probably also Cistercians, one is said to have been abbot in the same monastery as G.. G. studied at universities in Salamanca and Paris. Later he was appointed abbot of Boyle. Little is known about his further career. G. was arrested in Dublin together with abbot Eugene O’Gallagher and brought before the protestant cathedral dean John O’Garwin, where he refused to renounce his faith and was executed. At the request of his friends and family, he was not quartered, but hanged.

4. Cultus:

a. Relics: –

b. Liturgical commemoration: 21 Nov

c. Patronage: –

d. Attributes: –

5. Fontes: –

6. Literature: A. M. ZIMMERMANN, *Kalendarium Benedictinum* 3, 1937, 340–341, 343; A. BELLESHEIM, *Geschichte der Katholischen Kirche in Irland* 2, Mainz 1890, 190; B. LYNCH, *A Monastic Landscape. The Cistercians in Medieval Ireland*, 2010.

7. Illustrations: –

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