SAINT JEROME

FEAST DAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

Saint Jerome was born in 342 AD. His parents were Catholics and most probably rich. As a young boy he learnt Latin and Greek and later he travelled to Rome to study grammar. He was not baptised until he was about 20 years old. Jerome travelled to Antioch where he became ill and had visions which made him even more religious. He went into the desert to live as a hermit and then trained to be a priest. Jerome became the secretary to the Pope and lived in Rome. After the Pope died, he went to live in Bethlehem where he spent over 30 years translating the Old Testament into Latin. St Jerome said that Scripture is as beautiful as flowers and that remembering a Bible verse is like picking a flower to keep! He wrote, “What honey is sweeter than to know the wisdom of God?” He died on the 30th September 420. His death was peaceful, and he was buried under the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

Saint Jerome, pray for us.

