

## St. Dymphna

Hi my name is Lyndon and today I am going to be telling you about St. Dymphna. St Dymphna was born in the 7<sup>th</sup> century, Ireland and died in the 7<sup>th</sup> century, May 15<sup>th</sup>, in the town of Geel in Belgium. St. Dymphna's feast day is May 15<sup>th</sup>. St Dymphna is the patron saint of people with mental illness and anxiety. Five important facts about St. Dymphna. 5:Her mother died when she was 14 years old, This made her father, King Damon mentally ill.

4:St. Dymphna got secretly baptized when she was young. 3:St. Dymphna was martyred by her father, King Damon. 2:St. Dymphna has a church in Geel Belgium where she died, it got burned down.1:They rebuilt it in the 15<sup>th</sup> century and you can visit it the next time you go to Geel, Belgium.

Now I will tell you the story of St. Dymphna.

When King Damon became mentally ill he started to feel the love that he had for his wife for St.

Dymphna because St. Dymphna looked exactly like her mother. When King Damon proposed to St.

Dymphna she fled from her castle feeling disgusted that her father would love her in such a way. So she brought two of her loyal servants and St. Gerebran with her. After running away from her father they found an abandoned church and made it their home and later a hospital and helped the poor by giving them some money she had. After awhile King Damon's Advisors found out where St. Dymphna was hiding, and they sent a message for King Damon and he went there. When King Damon got there St. Gerebran blocked the doors and forbid their entry. But King Damon's Advisors just went and pushed St. Gerebran out of the way and beheaded him. King Damon then found St. Dymphna further into the church and then proposed to her again but she refused. King Damon then getting irritated started threatening her with death but St. Dymphna refused and then she got beheaded. That is the story of St.

Dymphna. I have learned a lot from this saint and I think I can be a better person by taking care of others. Thank you for listening to my presentation, I hope that you learned something from this saint too, because the world would be better with more kindness, Thank you and that's all.