

A collection of all the surviving textual witnesses to the saint's life. Includes:
(chap. 4) 'The early vernacular life: texts and translation' [semi-diplomatic texts from MSS Brussels 2324-2340, Book of Fermon and RIA A iv 1; with English translation of Brussels]; (chap. 6) 'The Latin life: texts and translation' [from Marsh Z 3.1.5 and Rawlinson B 485]; (chap. 8) 'The late vernacular life: edition of the text' [based on King's Inns 19 and four other MSS; with variants from St. Colman’s College Fermon and RIA 23 M 50].

In Appendices: 1. Notes to the texts; 2. John Lynch's adaptation of Finbarr's Life [taken from J. F. O'Doherty 1944 (BILL 7906)]; 3. The Paris Mass of St Finnbarr; 4. The lost original Life: an outline reconstruction; 5. The office lives of Fynberrus of Caithness (i.e. Aberdeen) and of Mac Cullinn of Lusk (i.e. Lusk).

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