

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 Fermoy 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 Fermoy 24 and RIA 23 M 50].

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2. John Lynch’s adaptation of Finbarr’s Life [taken from J. F. O’Doherty 1944 (BILL 7595)]
3. The Paris Mass of St Finnbarr
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