SAINT OF THE WEEK

One of the interesting things that happens in life is making friends with people from different cultures. We learn from other people, especially those different from us. Malachy did that.
This native of Armagh travelled through Europe, and became friends with St Bernard in Clairvaux. When travelling to Rome and back, he always stopped off in Bernard's monastery, and what a chat these two reforming saints must have had. It was in Clairvaux that Malachy fell ill and died, and there with Bernard he was buried.
St Malachy, patron of Armagh, and of friendship, pray for us (feast, Tuesday, 3 November)

(From 'Scandalous Saints and Spirited Sinners', Veritas Publications 2005, by Bernard Cotter)

Point to Ponder:
Faith requires tangible loving actions rather than just passive thoughts.

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Does Purgatory exist?

Facebook occasionally presents me with an album of photos, tracing my years as a subscriber. It's a limited look back, but always interesting.
When I die, I expect to see a similar review of my life, from God's perspective — an album of memories. Some things I may have conveniently forgotten, and some of the good I did also. When I've made a review with God's loving eyes on me, I can see myself saying I'm not ready to enter heaven — because in that moment of judgement, there can be no lies, only Supreme Truth.
I'll need time to get my head around divine forgiveness, as I remember times I failed to mirror that. I hope my friends will pray for me, to keep my hope alive until I am ready to pass through to eternal Beauty — a destiny promised to all who are faithful.
The Church calls this a time of purification, which is what I've described above. As the Catechism puts it: "All who die in God's grace …. are assured of their eternal salvation, but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven."
What do you think?

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