



## St. Cosmas & St. Damian Church

These Saints are said to have been twin Arabian physicians martyred for their Christian Faith on 27th September, 301AD.

They became the Patron Saints of the Medici, of Medicine and of Travellers; and a 13th century Crusaders built this our own Church as a thank offering for his home-coming.

Only four English Churches have this dedication.

The Church of SS. Cosmas and Damian in Rome is built over a Temple of the Heavenly Twins.

Legend says that the Saints substituted the diseased leg of a man who prayed in their Church by the leg of a Moor buried in the Church of San Pietro in Vincoli in Rome. The black leg can be seen in this picture.

**Source:** Sherrington St. Cosmas

**OPC note:** The feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian has been celebrated on 26 September since 1970 though the traditional Roman calendar honours the saints on 27 September.