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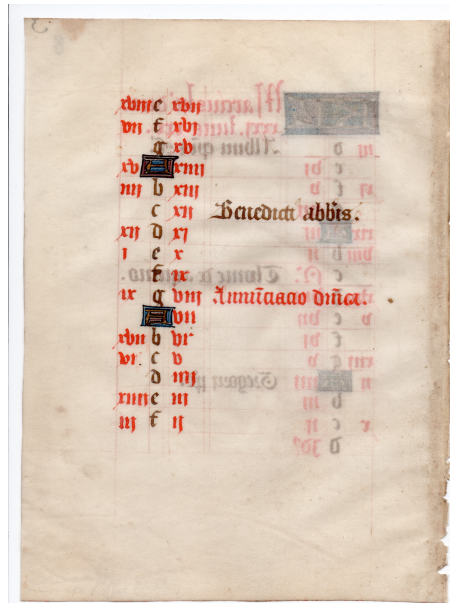
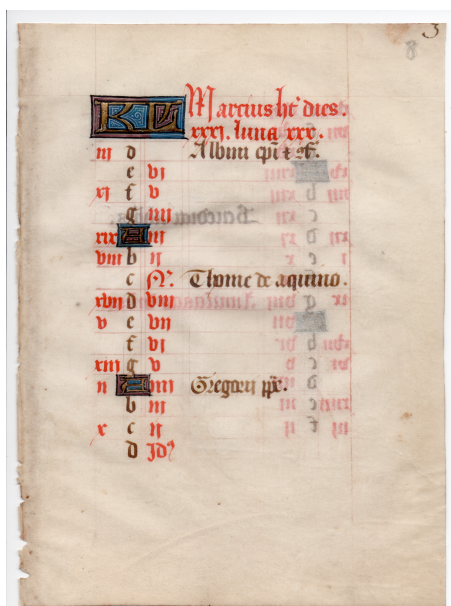
Fragment, Book of Hours.

<https://fragmentarium.ms/overview/F-rn5>

Calendar: March

The transcription tries to follow the arrangement of the four columns of 17 lines. Expanded scribal abbreviations are in italics, and rubrics are coloured red.

R. Faunce, March 2020



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KALENDE				Martius habet dies. xxxi. luna xxx. ¹
1	iii	d ²		Albini episcopi et confessoris. ³
2		e	vi	
3	xi	f	v	
4		g	iiii	
5	xix	A	iii	
6	viii	b	ii	
7		c	Nonas	Thome de aquino. ⁴
8	xvii	d	viii	
9	v	e	vii	
10		f	vi	
11	xiii	g	v	
12	ii	A	iiii	Gregorii pape. ⁵
13		b	iii ⁶	
14	x	c	ii ⁷	
15		d	Idus	

[verso]

16	xviii	e	xvii ⁸	
17	vii	f	xvi	
18		g	xv	
19	xv	A	xiiii	
20	iiii	b	xiii	
21		c	xii	Benedicti abbatis. ⁹
22	xii	d	xi	
23	i	e	x	
24		f	ix	
25	ix	g	viii	Annunciatio dominica. ¹⁰
26		A	vii	
27	xvii	b	vi	
28	vi	c	v	
29		d	iiii	
30	xiiii	e	iii	
31	iii	f	ii ¹¹	

¹ 'March has 31 days; new moon in 30 days'.

² This column shows the Dominical Letters (from *dies dominica*), representing the seven days of the week. The letter (A to G) assigned to a day depended on when the first Sunday of the year fell. If in a given year, 1 Jan is a Sunday, the dominical letter is A, and all As throughout the calendar will be Sundays, Bs would be Mondays and so on. But, if the first Sunday is Jan 2 the Dominical Letter would be B, Mondays C, Tuesdays D and so on. Sometimes termed Sunday letters because any one of them could, in turn, designate Sunday.

³ Saint Albinus, also spelt Aubin (c. 470 – 1 March 550), Bishop of Angers. Feast day, 1 March.

⁴ Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 7 March 1274). Feast day, 7 March.

⁵ Pope Gregory I (c. 540 – 12 March 604). Feast day, 12 March.

⁶ 3rd day before Ides (*ante diem tertium idus*).

⁷ The day before Ides (*pridie idus*).

⁸ 17th day before Kalends, 1 April (*ante diem septimum decimum kalendas*).

⁹ Benedict of Nursia (2 March 480 – 543 or 547). Feast, day 21 March.

¹⁰ Annunciation of our Lady. Written in red ink to denote the special significance of the day.

¹¹ The last day of the month was referred to as the day before Kalends (*pridie kalendas*).