



For centuries, the chapel has been the centre of the small Ardennes village of Biwisch. It is mentioned before 925 AD, when it was linked to the former parishes of Asselborn and Basbellain. In 1731, it was demolished and rebuilt, then renovated and refurbished in 1860. It has no tower, but a typical ridge turret with a bell. Since the arrival of the railway in Troisvierges in the 19th century, the village has grown considerably. Today, Biwisch is part of the parish of Troisvierges.

Mary, Consoler of the Afflicted

In Luxembourg, you will find a representation of the Comforter of the Afflicted in almost every church, directly inspired by the holy image of Our Lady in Luxembourg Cathedral.



The tabernacle with alpha and omega

In the Bible, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet stand for God and for Christ, who is „the first and the last, the beginning and the end“ (Revelation 22:13). In Christian art, alpha and omega have become a symbol for Christ, who encompasses everything. To this day, we still say „the Alpha and Omega“ to refer to the quintessence of a thing.



St. Agatha

St. Agatha is the patron saint of the chapel and the village. According to legend, the beautiful virgin Agatha refused to marry a Roman governor because she was a Christian. After an agonising torture (hence the pincers with which she is depicted) she died in prison.

Her feast day is on 5 February.

According to old peasant weather lore: „St. Agatha, the bride of God, makes snow and ice alike to thaw“.



St. Rochus

According to legend, Rochus lived in the 14th century and had the gift of miraculously curing plague sufferers. His attribute is a dog carrying bread in its mouth. Legend has it that the saint was fed by a faithful dog after he himself fell ill with the plague.

The Willibrord Window

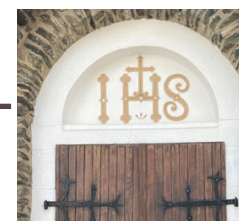
Willibrord came to our region from Ireland in the 8th century and spread Christianity here; he founded a monastery in Echternach, where he was buried and is venerated to this day.



In this window he is depicted as a bishop (with mitre and crosier) preaching the Gospel to the pagan population.

I.H.S.

The three letters above the entrance portal are found in many church buildings: they are the abbreviation of „Jesus Hominum Salvator“ and mean: „Jesus, Saviour of men“.



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