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Augustine, *De civitate Dei* (Books 14–22)Low Countries; s. XV^{1/3}

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Paper. Watermarks: a ?domed aedicule (e.g. 17, 101); tripartite fruit with leaf to either side, each on long stalks (cf. Briquet 7357); a stag or unicorn rampant (e.g. fols. 161, 180, 195; cf. Briquet 3289). Some 'worm' damage. Fols. i + 220 + i. The first 8 leaves (the capitula lists) are foliated: 'i'–'viii' in modern pencil; original foliation ('1'–'212', red ink, arabic numerals) begins with the main text on fol. 9^r.

Size: 278 × 215 mm. Text-block: 184 × 138 mm. Two columns (width, 62 mm). Lines: 36 (space, 5 mm; height of minims, 2.5–3 mm). Pricking: awl. Ruling: framed for two columns in brown ink.

Collation: I (fols. i–viii)⁸; II (fols. 1–11)¹¹ (= 10+1, a final singleton, fol. 11); III–XVI¹²; XVII¹⁰; XVIII¹²; XIX¹⁰ (= ?2 [fols. 203–4]+8). Original quire numbering, first rectos, lower margin, centre, beginning with 'secundus' on 12^r (Q. III) and ending with 'decimus quartus' on 203^r (Q. XIX).

2^o folio: (of book) qua filios; (of main text, '2^r) audisse non dubitaret

BINDING

Four bands; endband sewing in cream and ochre; rounded spine, s. xvi (clearly post-dates the two added *ex libris*, which have been cropped). Bevelled wooden boards covered with tawed ?pigskin; this stamped with a central foliate diamond surrounded by zones of rolled foliage motifs, separated from each other by triple lines. Two matching metal clasps going to pins projecting from the fore-edge of the front board; the clasps are on stiff leather thongs that are pinned to the back board through the cover. Paper pastedowns (blank). Title written onto the spine in ink, s. xvi–xvii. The edges of the text-block tinted blue. 290 × 225 × 50 mm.

CONTENTS

Fols. i^r–212^v. Augustine, *De civitate Dei*, Books XIV–XXII. Fols. i^r–viii^r. *Incipit Capitula in quartum decimum Librum de Ciuitate dei* ... [Capitula lists for

Books XIV–XXII. Fol. viii^v blank.] Fol. 1^r. *Diximus iam in superioribus libris ad humanum genus ...* Fol. 212^v ... *gratias congratulantes agant. Explicit liber xxii^{us} Augustini de Ciuitate dei qui est ultimus huius totius operis.*

CPL no. 313; CCSL 47–8. Running headings throughout signal the book number. The rubric formula between books is normally *Explicit liber xiiii^{us}*

Augustini de civitate dei. Incipit xv^{us} liber eiusdem, etc.

No rubric was supplied for Book XIV. That between XXI and XXII (on 182^v) is: *Explicit liber xxi^{us} Augustini de civitate dei. Incipit xxii^{us} et ultimus huius totius operis.*

There is a marginal apparatus, formally written in red by the original scribe; though generally light (the highest number of entries on a single page is eight [84^r, Bk. XVIII, ch. xi] but this is exceptional), it runs throughout the volume. This flags themes of all sorts (e.g. 52^r, Book XVI.xxviii, 'de sexto oraculo'; 143^r, XX.xv, 'de animabus sanctorum'; 197^v, XXII.xvii, 'de modo resurrectionis feminarum'; 205^v, XXII.xxv, 'de sole et luna et stellis'), evaluates utility (e.g. 199^r, XXII.xix, 'exemplum pulcherrimum'), itemizes points within the text (e.g. 172^{r-v}, XXI.xxi, 'alius error ... alius error ... alius error'; cf. 191^r, XXII.xv), provides cross-references (e.g. 8^r, XIII.xi, 'ad hoc .c. coniunge illud infra eodem libro quod incipit *cur* ...'; 19^r, XV.iii, 'Lege hunc supra columpnam de bellis tyrannorum, de cupiditate glorie et victorie ... De huius gloria tractat in v^o libro a uersu qui sic incipit *deus .n. summus* usque per vi folia uel amplius'), offers distinctions (e.g. 116^v, XIX.vi: 'Quatuor confugia: domus—in societate familiarium/Ciuitas—in societate ciuium/Orbis—in societate diuersarum singularum/Mundus—in societate etiam deorum'), and supplies a 'T'-form world diagram (46^v: XVI.xvi).

SCRIBES AND SCRIPT

Semi-cursive Hybrida, rectilinear, neat and consistent. A single scribe was responsible for the capitula, the entire main text, corrections (e.g. 5^r, 101^r, 126^v), rubrics,

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exierit abraham in septuaginta
 annis non potest ubi legitur abraham
 erat lxx et quinquaginta annos cum exiit
 de chanaan. Et si eo anno facta est
 promissio: iam utique miserrata cum
 patre suo demorabatur abraham
 neque enim inde exire possit: nisi
 prius ibi habitasset. Numquam na-
 mque contradicatur stephano dicitur.
 Deus glorie apparuit abrahe pri-
 mo cum esset in mesopotamia pro-
 prium habitaret in chanaan. Et in-
 terrogandum est: quod eodem anno facta
 sit omnia. Et si promissio ante quam in chan-
 an habitaret abraham. et in chan-
 an habitatio eius. et inde profectio
 eius: non solum quia eusebius
 martirius ab anno huius promissionis
 computat et ostendit post. cccc. et
 xxx. annos exiit de egypto
 quibus lex data est: uerum etiam quia
 id commemorat apud paulum. **¶** Id
 tempus eminentia regna erant
 gentium: in quibus terrigenarum
 ciuitas. hoc est potentas hominum
 secundum horum uenenam si dicitur
 angelorum desertorum iniquum ex-
 celebat: regna uidelicet tria.
 scilicet egyptorum. assyriorum.
 et assyriorum multo erat potentius
 atque uisum. Nam rex illi ninus
 belii filius. excepta india uni-
 uersa asie populos subiugauerat.
 Asiam nunc dico non illa parte que
 huius maioris asie una uicinia est.
 sed eam que uniuersa asia occupat:
 quam quidam in alia india plerique
 aut in india tota orbis parte possu-

erunt: ut sint omnia asia. euro-
 pa et affrica. Quod non equali di-
 uisione fecerunt. Nam ista que
 asia occupatur a meridie parti-
 entem ad septentrionem uicinat.
¶ Europa uero ad septentrionem usque ad
 occidentem. atque inde affrica ab
 occidentem usque ad meridiem. Unde
 uidetur orbem mundum duas te-
 nere. europam et affricam: aliam uero
 mundum. solum asiam. Et ideo
 ille due partes facte sunt: quod inter
 unquam ab oceano ingreditur
 quibus aquarum terras interueniunt:
 et hoc mare magnum nobis sunt
 Oceanus si in duas partes orbis diuisus
 das. orientis et occidentis. Asia
 erit in una: malabar uero europa
 et affrica. Quia orbem terrarum reg-
 norum que tunc precelebatur scilicet
 non erat sub assyriis. quod in eu-
 ropa fuit: egyptorum aut quomodo
 eis non subiaceret. aquibus tota asia
 tenebatur sicut in die ut presertim
 exceptis. In assyria fuit publice
 rat dominatus imperie ciuitatis.
 huius caput erat illa babilon cui
 terrigena ciuitati nom apertum
 est. id est confusio: ibi iam ninus
 regnabat post mortem patris sui
 belii qui primus illic regnauerat
 lxxv. annos. Aliud est ninus
 qui defuncto patre successit imperium
 quinquaginta duos regnauit an-
 nos: et habebat imperium. xliij.
 quibus natus est abraham. qui erat
 annorum circiter millesimum ducentum
 tertium ante conditam romam

(Cxxv)
 De primis et principalibus
 tribus regibus. scilicet assyri-
 orum in asia. egyptiorum
 in europa. et egypti-
 orum in affrica

abraham natus est regnante ninus
 belii filio in babilonia. xliij. et
 anno. qui erat annorum millesimum
 cc. ante conditam romam



Fig. 99. MS. 102, fol. 46v (reproduced at 46%).

marginal notes, running headings, foliation, and quire signatures; probably also for the brown ink 'Nota's.

DECORATION

Each book begins with a capital, 6+ lines high, red flourished in blue (or vice versa), the flourishing based around bulb-like forms and tendrils: 1^r, Book XIV; 17^v, XV; 30^v, XVI; 60^r, XVII; 79^r, XVIII; 109^v, XIX; 130^v, XX; 159^r, XXI; 183^r, XXII. Chapters generally headed by a plain capital, 3+ lines high, alternately red then blue. Subsections flagged with red paraphs; sentence capitals stroked in red.

PROVENANCE

(1) House of Augustinian Canons (s. xvi *ex libris*, 88^r and 199^r, both unfortunately cropped: 'Iste liber est Canonicorum Regularium diu[in]i Augustini in po'la?n/?r//'. (2) S. xx ?bookseller's code ('m/x/x') and note ('a portion only Books 14–22 of//') pencilled on front pastedown. (3) John Raymond Danson (1893–1976) (bookplate on front pastedown, covering part of aforementioned pencil note). (4) Trinity College, by bequest of Danson, in 1976. College shelfmark: 'MS. 102' added in pencil to Danson bookplate.

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Breviary (portable, rubricated)

Flanders (?Bruges); s. XV^{4/4}

Pl. XXXIV(b)-
XXXIV(d)
Fig. 100

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Parchment: thin, fine, smooth, and even. Arranged: FH, HF. Tabs (attached at an uncertain date) on the fore-edges of the leaves at the start of the major divisions with historiated initials. Fols. i (paper—glued to marbled frontleaf to make a single leaf) + 488 + i (paper—now pasted to back board). Modern pencil foliation.

Size: 135 × 95 mm. Text-block: 89 × 65 mm (except in Q. LXIV, fols. 483–8, where 85 × 62 mm). Two columns (width, 30 mm). Lines: 26 (except fols. 483–8, where 24) (space, 4 mm; height of minims, 1.5 mm). Pricking: none preserved. Ruling: ink (purple—except fols. 483–8, where light brown). Single verticals on either side of both columns; first and last horizontals extended. (On fols. 483–8, the first two horizontals are extended.)

Collation: I¹²; II–XVI⁸; XVII–XVIII⁶; XIX–XLVI⁸ (in Q. XXIX, the originally conjoint leaves 1 and 8 (fols. 217 and 224) have broken into two singletons); XLVII⁶; XLVIII–LXII⁸; LXIII⁴; LXIV⁶ (= 8 with leaves 5 and 8 cancelled). First leaves: 1; 13, 21, 29, 37, 45, 53, 61, 69, 77, 85, 93, 101, 109, 117, 125; 133, 139; 145, 153, 161, 169, 177, 185, 193, 201, 209, 217, 225, 233, 241, 249, 257, 265, 273, 281, 289, 297, 305, 313, 321, 329, 337, 345, 353, 359, 367, 375, 383, 391, 399, 407, 415, 423, 431, 439, 447, 455, 463, 471, 479, 483.

2° folio: KL februarius habet dies xxviii. Of main text (14^r) -cumque faciet prospera

BINDING

Sewn on four supports; the twine of the head and tail bands alternately white and blue; pasteboard boards, covered in plain brown ?calf; gilt title ('Preces piaie') on a green leather strip applied to spine; marbled endpapers; 144 × 98 × 50 mm, s. xviii–xix. Traces from the turn-overs of an earlier binding visible on 488.

CONTENTS

- (a) Fols. 1^r–12^v. Kalendar. Entries in brown and red. Notable inclusions in original stratum: Anselm (21 Apr.), Clare (11 Aug.), Louis of France (25 Aug.), Francis (4 Oct.), Thomas Becket (in red on 29 Dec., with a further entry in brown on 30 Dec. crossed through in red as an original correction). Additions in a s. xvi cursive hand on 4^v–5^r (end April to start May) including: Eutropius of Saintes (30 Apr.), Monica (4 May), Conversion Augustine (5 May), William archbishop (7 May; identity uncertain).
- (b) Fols. 13^r–129^r. (Ferial) Psalter. Fol. 13^r. *Incipit psalterium secundum cursum romane curie*. Hymn for nocturns for Sundays from Octave of Epiphany to first of Lent, and from October to Advent: *Primo dierum omnium quo mundus extat conditus* [Chev.