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Although converted into a modern dwelling house, the buildings of the Priory still remain almost complete. They are arranged in very much the usual manner, round a cloister garth of 27 feet square. Upon the south side is the nave of the Priory Church, which has also a vaulted chancel cut off from it by an ancient and solid wall, as in the case of the Caldý Chapel; together with a western tower of 30 ft in height, surmounted by a rude stone spire of 18 feet and standing on a base of 12 feet square. This tower has fallen westwards out of the perpendicular to the extent of 14 ins. The total extreme length of the church is 76 feet and the breadth is 18 feet. The old east window still remains, though in a sadly mutilated condition; the other windows which were apparently small, most likely with a view to defence against pirates and sea-rovers, have been replaced by modern lights. Upon the west side of the cloister garth there is a gate-house, consisting of a spacious porch, and an adjoining chamber, probably used for storage; and over these a second chamber, 27 feet by 16 feet, with a round chimney, and the remains of two good windows. Upon the north side of the cloister garth is the refectory, now used as a kitchen, 27 feet square, and over it a chamber of the same size. Upon the east side of the cloister garth is the calefactory, now used as a scullery, and over it the dormitory, reached by a stone staircase made in the thickness of the east wall of the garth, with loop-holes to command the entrance gateway on the western side; and in the north east corner of the cloister garth there is the kitchen, now a larder and a dairy, and over it the Prior's chamber, 18 feet by 15 feet with a loop-holed tower on the north-east which formed a garde-robe. There are also old and extensive outbuildings adjoining the Priory on the west and north-west, and immediately to the south of the Priory Church is a second burial ground where, from time to time, human remains are still found.

Speed lists this in 1632 as a cell to the priory of St Dogmael, the Order of Monks of Benedict of St Martin of Tournai under the title of Pulla?

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Founded by Martin de Tours in the reign of Henry I, & dedicated to St. Mary.
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S. Lewis 1833.