

Saint Columba was born in the Gartan , County Donegal around 521. He was a powerful preacher and leader of men and founded monasteries in Ireland and Scotland which were influential missionary centres.

When he was a boy, he was so often found praying in the town church that his friends called him Colum Cille (Dove of the Church), and it was as Colum, or its Latin form Columba, that he was known for the rest of his life.

In his early 20s he was strongly influenced by one of his teachers Finian of Clonard and asked to be ordained a priest. He founded a monastery at Durrow which was the beginning of an extraordinary journey travelling throughout Northern Ireland teaching about Christianity and inspiring many people by his personal holiness.

He founded some 30 monasteries in 10 years

Columba and copyright

Columba borrowed a manuscript from Finian and copied it. Finian objected and took the case to the High King Dermot who found in Finian’s favour, famously saying ‘to every cow its calf and every book it’s copy’

Columba disagreed with the Kings ruling and eventually this led to the battle of Cul Dreimhne at which 3000 died.

He was exiled by the High King and condemned never to see the Ireland again. With twelve companions he sailed into exile and settled on a bleak island called Iona off the coast of Scotland.

Here he founded a monastery probably made from wattle or wood and thatch . Over the years the monastery was destroyed and rebuilt a number of times. The present structure was rebuilt in 1938 and houses an ecumenical Christian community known as the Iona Community. In 575 Columba was persuaded to visit Ireland to mediate a dispute between the High King and the league of poets. Insisting on remaining faithful to the terms of his exile that he never see Ireland again he travelled blindfolded and successfully resolved the hostility between the two parties.

He spent the rest of his life on Iona praying and fasting and was influential for a time in the politics of Scotland. He died in 597



Altar saints on left side over altar- St Patrick, St Brigid and St Colm Cille



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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:16

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 7th 11.30

Months Mind for those who died in April as follows:-

- Thomas Lynch
- Bernard King
- Hugh Hunter
- Marjorie Ryan Harvey
- Sighle Dunn
- Patrick (Paddy) Healy
- Brigid Fallon
- Eoin O’ Malley
- Bridget Walsh
- Colette Sheehy
- Carmel Kevin
- Denis O’ Connor

Anniversaries (Also to be remembered at this Mass)

- Eamon & Annie Kiernan
- Anthony & Mary Kilbane
- Kathleen Whoriskey

- Other Anniversaries
- Mary Clancy
- Mary Donnelly

- Birthday Remembrance
- Ted O’ Leary RIP

Recently Deceased

- Baby Elena Carmel Taheny
- Florence Policky
- Jim Manly
- May they rest in peace



Saints of the Week

Mon 8 St Colman, bishop
Tues 9 ST COLUMBA(COLUM CILLE), ABBOT AND MISSIONARY, SECONDARY PATRON OF IRELAND

Wed 10 St Ephrem, deacon and doctor of the Church
Thurs 11 St Barnabas, apostle
Sat 13 St Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor of the Church



June 7, 2020
The Most Holy Trinity

A well-choreographed dance can be truly inspirational. Each movement and step are interconnected, each contributing a piece of the unfolding artistic story. The beholder is caught up in the rhythms, music, and gestures, realizing that none are dispensable and all are necessary.

The same is true of the Divine Dance of the Trinity. Each Person plays a part, using unique gestures and movements that are connected to the other Divine Partners. They tell a story of love. Every movement and step is born of love and flows on into eternity. The Divine Dance never ends.

God the Creator powerfully, yet with gentle love, leads. Creating and recreating, birthing and sustaining, He dances with the compassionate incarnate Son, guided by the breath of the Holy Spirit. They are three distinct Persons but move as One. On one hand, the cascading flow of their Presence appears motionless, yet on the other, it flows and moves with effortless attention. They share one heart,

one goal, and one purpose and invite all of creation to join in their dance, their joy. The energy of the Trinity flows through all created things. It is a dance of the heart, not of the mind. It has to be experienced, not dissected, and contemplated, not understood.

We stand in awe of the Divine Dance and find ourselves watching in amazement all that God creates and sustains. The dance continues in the majesty of a mountain, the power and wonder of an ocean, and the vastness of the universe. It moves in the cry of a newborn infant and in the soul of one who has been forgiven. It flows in the cry for justice and in the wounds of the oppressed. It circles through the changing of seasons, the cycles of birth and death, and the wisdom that one acquires when they love God.

The Dance never ends. Its movements and rhythms go on forever. The Trinitarian Dance sustains all things, endures all things, and brings hope. You are invited to dance. Don't just watch as if you were simply a spectator. Join in the dance and move as they move.

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FIRST READING

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning, as the Lord had commanded him.

(Ex 34:4-6.8-9)

PSALM

You are blest Lord God of our fathers,
Blest your glorious holy name
(Dn 3:52-56)

SECOND READING

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another.

(Cor 13:11-13)

GOSPEL

Jesus said to Nicodemus,
'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life'

(Jn 3:16-18)

On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Pope Francis reflected on the "mystery of the identity of God" during the midday recitation of the Angelus in St Peter's Square.

The Holy Father took as his starting point the greeting of St Paul in his Second Letter to the Corinthians: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." This greeting, he said, was inspired by Paul's personal experience of the love of God. The Apostle encouraged the Christian community, despite its human limitations, "to become a reflection of the communion of the Trinity, of its goodness and beauty." But, the Pope said, this comes about only through the experience of the mercy and forgiveness of God.

This was the experience of the Jewish people during the Exodus. When they broke the covenant, God came to Moses in the cloud to renew the pact, and revealed His own proper Name and its significance: "the Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." The Pope said this name shows us that "God is not distant and closed in on Himself"; rather, He is "Life which wishes to communicate itself; He is openness; He is Love which redeems man's infidelity."

The revelation of God's Name in the Old Testament, he continued, is fulfilled in the

New, in the words of Christ and His mission of salvation. Jesus, he said, "has shown us the face of God, One in substance and Triune in Persons; God is all and only Love, in a subsisting relationship that creates, redeems, and sanctifies all: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

This is the context of the scene from the Gospel where Christ speaks with Nicodemus. Although Nicodemus was an important figure in the community, he never stopped seeking God. But speaking with Jesus, he comes to know that God has already sought him; that God waits for him, that God loves him personally. Here we find the famous words of Christ: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." This eternal life is none other than "the immeasurable and gratuitous love of the Father that Jesus gave on the Cross, offering His life for our salvation."

Pope Francis concluded his reflection with the prayer that the Virgin Mary might "help us to enter ever more, with our whole selves, into the trinitarian Communion, to live and bear witness to the love that gives sense to our existence."

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We welcome into our parish community through baptism

Sam Nigel O' Rourke.