

St Ciarán, whose feast day is the 9th September, was born around 516 in County Roscommon. His father was a carpenter and chariot maker. As a boy, Ciarán worked as a cattle herder. He is sometimes called Ciarán the Younger to distinguish him from the 5th-century Saint Ciarán the Elder who was bishop of Ossory.

He was a student of Finian's at Clonard and in time became a teacher, himself. Columba of Iona said of Ciarán, "He was a lamp, blazing with the light of wisdom."

In about 534, he left Clonard for Inishmore where he studied under Enda of Aran, who ordained him and advised him to build a church and monastery in the middle of Ireland. In 544, he finally settled in Clonmacnoise, where he founded the Monastery of Clonmacnoise with ten fellow companions. As abbot, he worked on the first buildings of the monastery; however, he died about seven months later of a plague, in his early thirties.



The monastery at Clonmacnoise became one of the most important centres of learning and religious life in Ireland. Alcuin of York (735-804), the most renowned of Saxon scholars who became an advisor at the court of Charlemagne, studied here under Colcu the wise in the eighth century. He wrote letters to him and sent presents from himself and the emperor.

It managed to survive the plundering of the Viking raids and the Anglo-Norman wars, and was only destroyed during the Dissolution of the Monasteries, in 1552. The ruins still exist, and remain a centre of civic and religious activity to this day.

The treasures of Ciarán's shrine were dispersed throughout the Medieval era; although the Clonmacnoise Crozier still exists and is stored in the National Museum of Ireland.

"May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us."

St Teresa of Avila

Saints of the Week

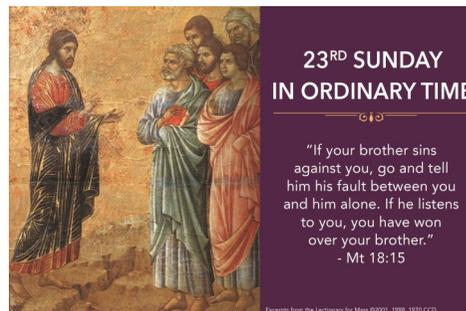
Tues 8	NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Wed 9	St Ciarán, abbot
Thurs 10	St Peter Claver, priest
Sat 12	The Holy Name of Mary St Ailbe, bishop



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Recently deceased

Kathleen (Kay) Murphy
Conor Quinn

May they rest in peace



MASS INTENTIONS

5th Sept 6pm Vigil Mass:-

Elizabeth Mullally (8th Anv)
Jack Costello (Anv)
Carmel & John Sheils (Anv)
Maureen & Brian Sheils (Anv)
Monica & Jack & Doris Tyrrell

Sun 6th Sept 10 am Mass:-

Viv Kelly (1st Anv) Donal O' Hanlon (Anv)

11.30 am Mass:-

Months Minds:-

Michael Ryan Desmond Cantwell
Michael O' Dwyer Gemma Byrne
John Kinsella Frank Crossen
Adrienne Rock (Anv)
Frank Murray (Birthday Remembrance)
Eamon & Kate Keating
Carmel Walsh (Recently Deceased)

Other intentions

Recently Deceased:-

Tony Carey Ann O' Dea

Anniversaries:-

Marie Deegan Mary Somers
Emile Demol Sheila Mc Ginley
Mary Dunne Walter Donnan
Brigid Wade Fidelma Kelly
Aoife Kelly Mary Bolger
Eddie & Mary O' Donnell
Eamon & Annie Kissane
Brigid O' Hara



September 6, 2020
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving

pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.

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TWENTYTHIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel'. (Ezk 33:7-9)

PSALM

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us
(Ps 94:1-2.6-9)

SECOND READING

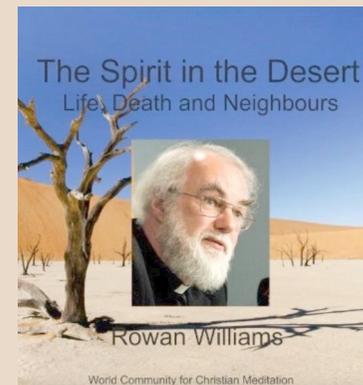
Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love.
(Rom 13:8-10)

GOSPEL

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves.
(Mt 18:15-20)

The desert is a theme of central importance in Sacred Scripture as well as in monastic history and spirituality. It continues to be an image of purification and transformation, of fascination and of danger. Former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, has given six inspiring talks on modern Christian meditation and the desert tradition, drawing on the spiritual teaching of Benedictine monk, Dom John Main.

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The Lark Sings

The knowing lark sings -
I go out to look at her
to see the gaping beak
high up in the bright clouds of heaven.

I will direct my psalms
towards the bright clouds of heaven,
for my unceasing protection,
and for the cleansing of my sins.

From the Leabhar Breac, an early Irish manuscript. The lark is often associated with supernatural powers in the Irish and in other traditions; here it is the link between earth and heaven.

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