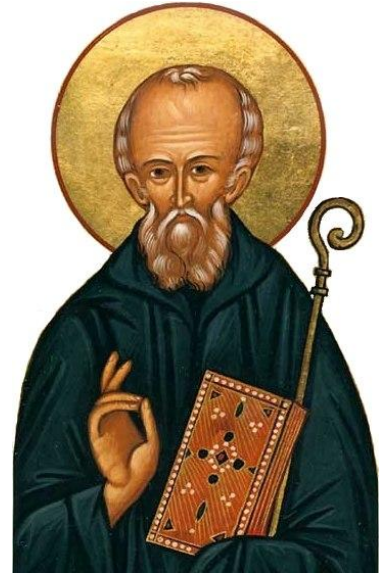


## Festivals and Saints' Days (w/c 7<sup>th</sup> June)

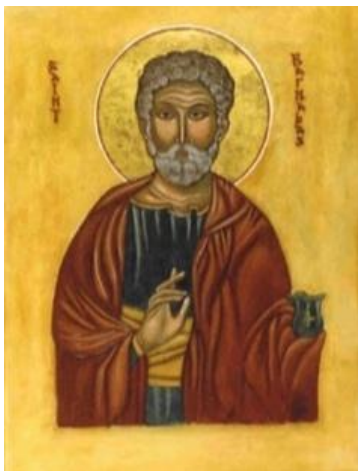
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### **Saint Columba** - *abbot, missionary*

Columba was born on 7<sup>th</sup> December AD521 in Ireland. He entered the monastic school of Movilla at Newtonards before entering the monastic life at Clonard Abbey, ruled by Abbot Finnian, who had himself been trained in the school of S David (Wales). He was ordained priest in about AD551. Caught up in the politics of the times, he either decided or it was expedient to leave Ireland and he set sail for Scotland in AD563. A kinsman made over the Island of Iona to him where he established an abbey: as well as being a religious location, it was the only centre of literacy in the area. He was active in converting the Picts and became caught up in the politics of the place. He died on 9<sup>th</sup> June AD597 and was buried in the Abbey. However, constant raiding of the place led to his relics being transferred - some to Ireland and some to the Scottish mainland.



11<sup>th</sup> June



### **Saint Barnabas** - *Apostle, martyr*

The Biblical record of Barnabas appears mainly in the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, though he is also mentioned in Saint Paul's Epistles. He is often identified as the cousin of Saint Mark the Evangelist on the basis of a comment in the Letter to the Colossians (chapter 4). It seems that he was a Cypriot Jew (Acts 4:36) and was considered an Apostle in the early Church (Acts 14: 14). He undertook missionary journeys with S Paul and was present at the Council of Jerusalem. He is later suggested as the author of the Letter to the Hebrews by the Christian author Tertullian. Tradition tells us that he was martyred by stoning in Salamis (Cyprus). He is associated with the founding of the Church on Cyprus.