

From Your Pastor

Celebrating Saint Columbkille, Our Patron



Saint Columbkille (521-597), born in County Donegal, was originally known as **Columba** of Iona, or, in Old Irish, as “Colm Cille” or “Columcille” (meaning “Dove of the Church”). Columbkille was an outstanding figure among Irish Gaelic missionary monks

who introduced the light of Christianity to Scotland at the beginning of the Dark Ages (450-1000).

During the sixth century, some of the most significant names in the history of Irish Christianity studied at the monastery in Clonard founded by Saint Finnian of Clonard (470-549). Columbkille was a pupil at the Clonard Abbey, situated on the River Boyne in modern County Meath, when the average number of scholars under instruction there was 3,000. Twelve students of Finnian of Clonard, including Columba, were known as the Twelve Apostles of Ireland. Columbkille became a monk and was ordained a priest at Clonard.

Sometime around 560, Columbkille became involved in a quarrel with Saint Finnian of Moville (495-589) over a psalter. Columba copied the manuscript at the scriptorium in Moville, intending to keep the copy he made. Finnian disputed his right to take the copy and the dispute eventually led to the pitched Battle of Cúl Dreimhne in 561, during which many men were killed. Columbkille was convicted of the first known copyright infringement with this ruling: “To each cow its calf, to each book its owner.” A synod of clerics and scholars then threatened to excommunicate Columbkille for the deaths that resulted from his wrongdoing, but Saint Brendan of Birr (d. 573) spoke on his behalf with the result that he was allowed to go into exile instead. Columbkille suggested that he would work as a missionary in Scotland to help convert as many people as had been killed in the battle. He exiled himself from Ireland, to return only once again, several years later.

In 563, Columbkille crossed the Irish Sea to Scotland with twelve companions, where according to legend he first landed at the southern tip of the Kintyre peninsula, near Southend. However, being still in sight of his native land he moved further north up the west coast of Scotland to the island of Iona, which became the center of his evangelizing mission to the Picts.

Columbkille was never separated from his native people at Iona, because the Irish had been colonizing the west coast of Scotland for hundreds of years. In addition to his work there in guiding the only center of literacy in the region, Columbkille’s reputation as a holy man led to his role as a diplomat among the tribes. He was very energetic in his evangelical work, and, along with founding several churches in the Hebrides, he worked to make his monastery in Iona a school for missionaries.

Columbkille was a renowned man of letters, having written several hymns, and he is credited with having transcribed 300 books personally. One of the few times he left Scotland after his arrival was toward the end of his life, when he returned to Ireland to found the monastery at Durrow in County Laois. He died at Iona and was buried there in the monastery he created. With Saint Patrick (387-461) and Saint Brigid (451-525), Saint Columbkille is one of Ireland’s three great and holy patrons. His feast day is June 9.

On July 1, 1871, Bishop John Williams established the Brighton Catholic community, which had been served by St. Mary’s in Brookline, as St. Columbkille Parish. He named Father Patrick J. Rogers as the first pastor. The new parishioners, made up of a majority of Irish immigrants, set immediately to building the magnificent church that has stood on the corner of Market and Arlington Streets since the mid-1870s. Father Rogers was so proud of the new edifice that he affixed his name to the front of the church (over the rose window) in 1875. There have been only seven pastors appointed to St. Columbkille since Father Rogers.



God bless each of you.

Mrs. Fay

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Prayers Are Requested for those who are ill, for vocations to the Priesthood and to the Consecrated Life; for married couples and for families; for the safe return home of the men and women in our military services; for the prayers listed in our book of intentions; and for the repose of the souls of Mary Connolly, Theresa McLaughlin and deceased members of our parish, our families and our benefactors.

The 5:00 PM Mass Today, June 7th, will be celebrated as a Festive Mass in honor of St. Columbkille, our Patron Saint. **Please join us.** Members of the Irish community of Brighton and other neighborhoods of Boston will be with us to provide some Irish music and flavor during the Mass. Father John McCarthy of the Irish Pastoral Center in Quincy will be present as celebrant and homilist. A light reception will follow the Mass in the Rectory to which all present are invited.

Installation of New Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion – New Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion will be installed during the Masses on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, June 13-14. These ministers are appointed for a three year term and, with their installation, have the right to wear the medallion indicating their particular service to the Church.

Please Remember the St. Vincent de Paul Boxes as you leave Mass today. Thank you! Next meeting will be Tuesday June 9 at 7:00pm.

The Knights of Columbus bi-monthly meeting will be on Thursday at 7:00 pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

The Catholic Daughters Mystery Ride will be on Wednesday, June 10. The bus will leave St. Columbkille at 4:30 pm. The cost is \$40.00. Please make reservations with Fran Gately, 617-782-0819.

Pot Luck Supper for all who participated in the **ARISE** program is Friday, June 12 at 6:30 in the rectory.

2009 Catholic Appeal Reminder – *Responding to God's Grace, Renewing Our Church.* If you have not yet contributed to the Catholic Appeal, it is never too late to make a pledge. Every gift matters. Pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the Church. Thank you!

Saint Columbkille School News: On Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00pm the following students will graduate from the school

Victoria Maya Astudillo	Derek Chu
Gina Marie Cole	Joselyn D. Corvera
Gustavo Mattos Dantas	Nathalia DoCarmo
Thomas Espino	Brett Glynn
Man Jun Han	Rory Thomas Hanlon
William Lee Haughey	Adriana T. Hernandez
Aisling Margaret Hewson	Guechul Kyung
Richard F. Lopez, IV	Denis Ian McGrath
Leah Kathryn O'Toole	Shannel Jayleen Resto
Tridib Saha	Earl Jeffrey Dominic Smith
Moses S. Vatel	Jihye Yoo

Congratulations to them all. Please keep them in your prayers as they enter their High School years.

A Walking Tour of Historic Brighton Center is being sponsored by the Brighton-Allston Historical Society on Saturday, June 27 from 1-3pm. The tour starts at the Museum. Pre-registration is required and there is a \$5.00 fee. Please call Bill Marchione at 617-782-8483.

PARISH GIVING

Parish Offertory (May 23 - May 24): \$4,029

Parish Offertory (May 30 – May 31): \$5,110

Ascension Thursday (May 21): \$1,079

Seminary Collection (May 30 – May 31): \$1,688

Catholic Appeal To Date: \$36,932

St. Vincent de Paul (May 30 – May 31): \$67.00

Thank You for Your Generosity

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From a Letter by St. Athanasius (d. 373)

The Nature of the Holy Trinity

It will not be out of place to consider the ancient tradition, teaching and faith of the Catholic Church, which was revealed by the Lord, proclaimed by the apostles and guarded by the fathers. For upon this faith the Church is built, and if anyone were to lapse from it, he would no longer be a Christian either in fact or in name.

We acknowledge the Trinity, holy and perfect, to consist of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In this Trinity there is no intrusion of any alien element or of anything from outside, nor is the Trinity a blend of creative and created being. It is a wholly creative and energizing reality, self-consistent and undivided in its active power, for the Father makes all things through the Word and in the Holy Spirit, and in this way the unity of the holy Trinity is preserved. Accordingly, in the Church, one God is preached, one God who is *above all things and through all things and in all things*. God is *above all things* as Father, for he is principle and source; he is *through all things* through the Word; and he is *in all things* in the Holy Spirit.

Writing to the Corinthians about spiritual matters, Paul traces all reality back to one God, the Father, saying: *Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of service but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in everyone.*

Even the gifts that the Spirit dispenses to individuals are given by the Father through the Word. For all that belongs to the Father belongs also to the Son, and so the graces given by the Son in the Spirit are true gifts of the Father. Similarly, when the Spirit dwells in us, the Word who bestows the Spirit is in us too, and the Father is present in the Word. This is the meaning of the text: *My Father and I will come to him and make our home with him.* For where the light is, there also is the radiance; and where the radiance is, there too are its power and its resplendent grace.

This is also Paul's teaching in his second letter to the Corinthians: *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.* For grace and the gift of the Trinity are given

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by the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit. Just as grace is given from the Father through the Son, so there could be no communication of the gift to us except in the Holy Spirit. But when we share in the Spirit, we possess the love of the Father, the grace of the Son and the fellowship of the Spirit himself.

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Prayer for Marriage

Heavenly Father,
through the intercession of the Holy Family,

Help us treasure the gift of marriage
that reflects the love of Christ for the Church,
where the self-giving love of husband and wife
unites them more perfectly
and cooperates in your plan
for new life created in your image.

Help us support men and women
in their vocation of marriage,
especially in difficult times
when they join their sufferings to the Cross.

Help us uphold the institution of marriage in our society
as the place where love is nurtured and family life begins.

Help us acknowledge that our future depends on this love
and on your providential care for us. Amen.

Please pray daily for the vocation of marriage.

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sunday, June 7, 5:00pm Festive Mass in honor of St. Columbkille followed by reception in rectory.

Tuesday, June 9, 7:00pm St. Columbkille School Graduation

Friday, June 12, 6:30pm ARISE Potluck Supper in the rectory.

Sundays, June 14 & 21, 9:30am Family Masses

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 7 – Trinity Sunday

- (Sat.)** 4:00 pm Anthony & Nettie Gately, Mem.
7:30 am John McCarthy, 1st Ann.
9:30 am John Walsh, 2nd Ann.
11:15 am William Walker, Mem.
12:45 pm *Missa pro Populo*
5:00 pm Hannah & Thomas Walsh &
Frank Johnson, Mem.

Mon. 7:00 am Agnes P. McShane, Mem.

Tue. 7:00 am Richard H. & Mary F. Jameson, Mem.

Wed. 7:00 am Leone & Maria Alfano & Maria &
Vincenzo Cirigliano, Mem.

Thu. 7:00 am Alan Temple, Mem.

Fri. 7:00 am Carmelo Cedrone, 1st Ann.

Sat. 7:00 am Anne Ridge, Mem.

Sunday, June 14 – Corpus Christi

- (Sat.)** 4:00 pm Joan E. Walsh, 2nd Ann.
7:30 am *Missa pro Populo*
9:30 am Donata & Nicola Leone, Mem.
11:15 am Thomas F. Clougher, Mem.
12:45 pm Teodora & Andres Cabezon, Mem.
5:00 pm Mildred McKenna, 5th Ann.

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