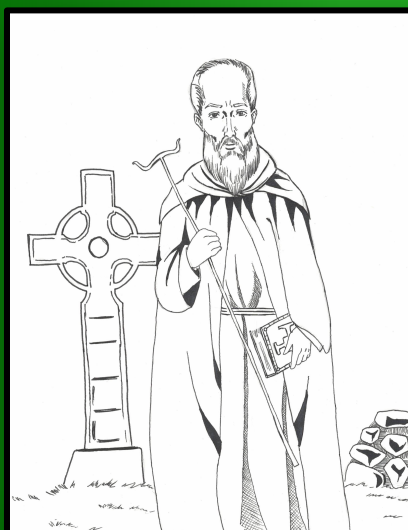
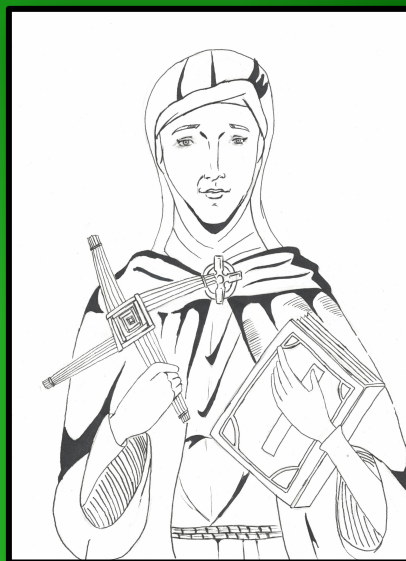


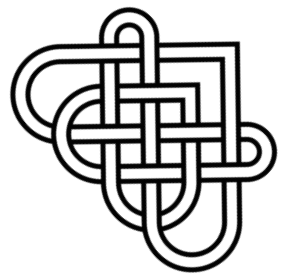
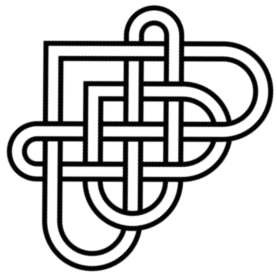


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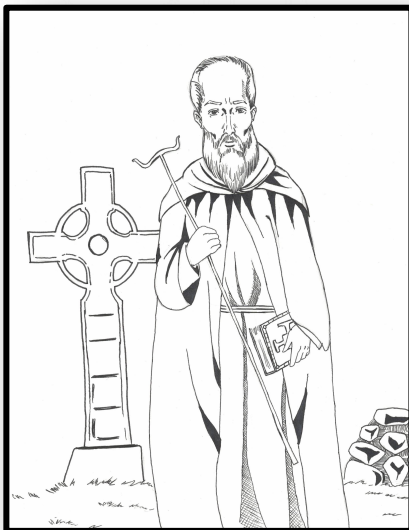
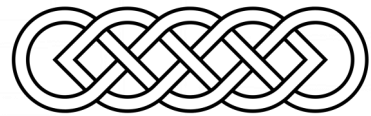
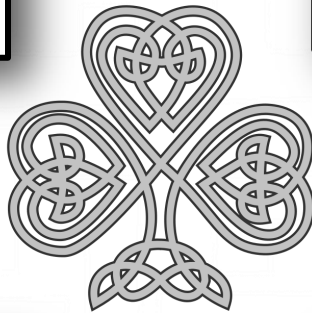
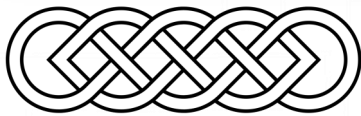
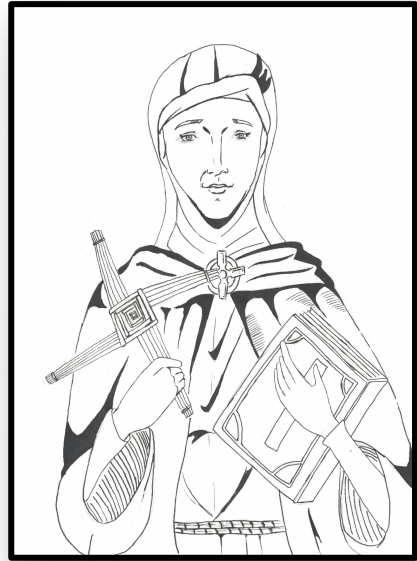


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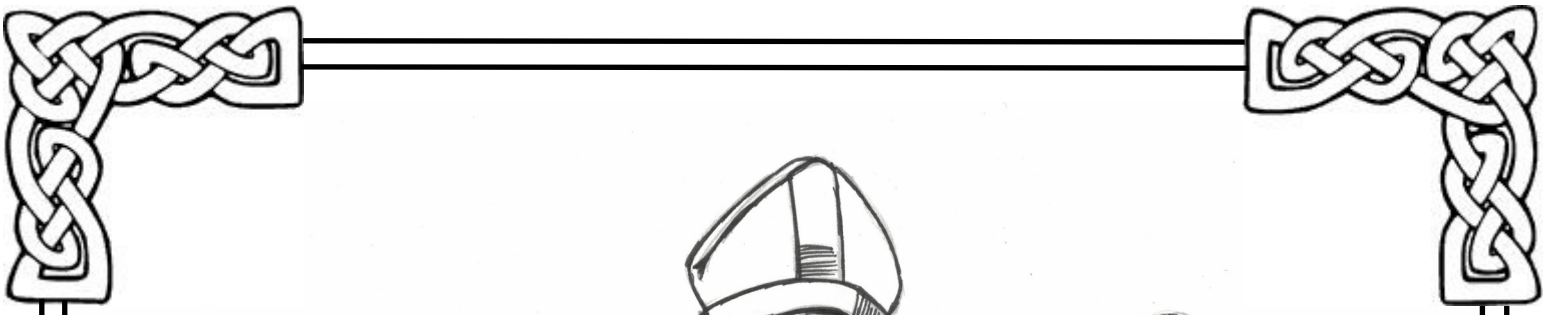
# St. Patrick

Feast Day: 17<sup>th</sup> March

Born: 385

Died: 461

- St Patrick was born in Roman Britain in 385
- When he was 16 he was kidnapped and became a slave in Ireland
- He worked as a shepherd for six years. He then had a dream telling him to return to Britain and escape from Ireland.
- He became a priest and bishop and returned to Ireland to spread God's message to everyone.
- He is known for getting rid of the snakes in Ireland.
- He worked in Ireland for 33 years and many people became Christian because of him.



Saint Patrick



# St. Bridget

Feast Day: 1<sup>st</sup> February    Born: 453    Died: 523

- St. Bridget was born in Faughart, Co. Louth
- Her father was an Irish Lord and her mother was a slave.
- She was kind to the poor and often brought them food and clothing.
- Once she gave away a whole pail of milk to the poor. She was worried her mother would be cross and prayed to Jesus for help. When she looked, the pail was full again.
- She set up the first convent in Ireland in Co. Wiltshire.
- St Bridget is one of the Patron Saints of Ireland.



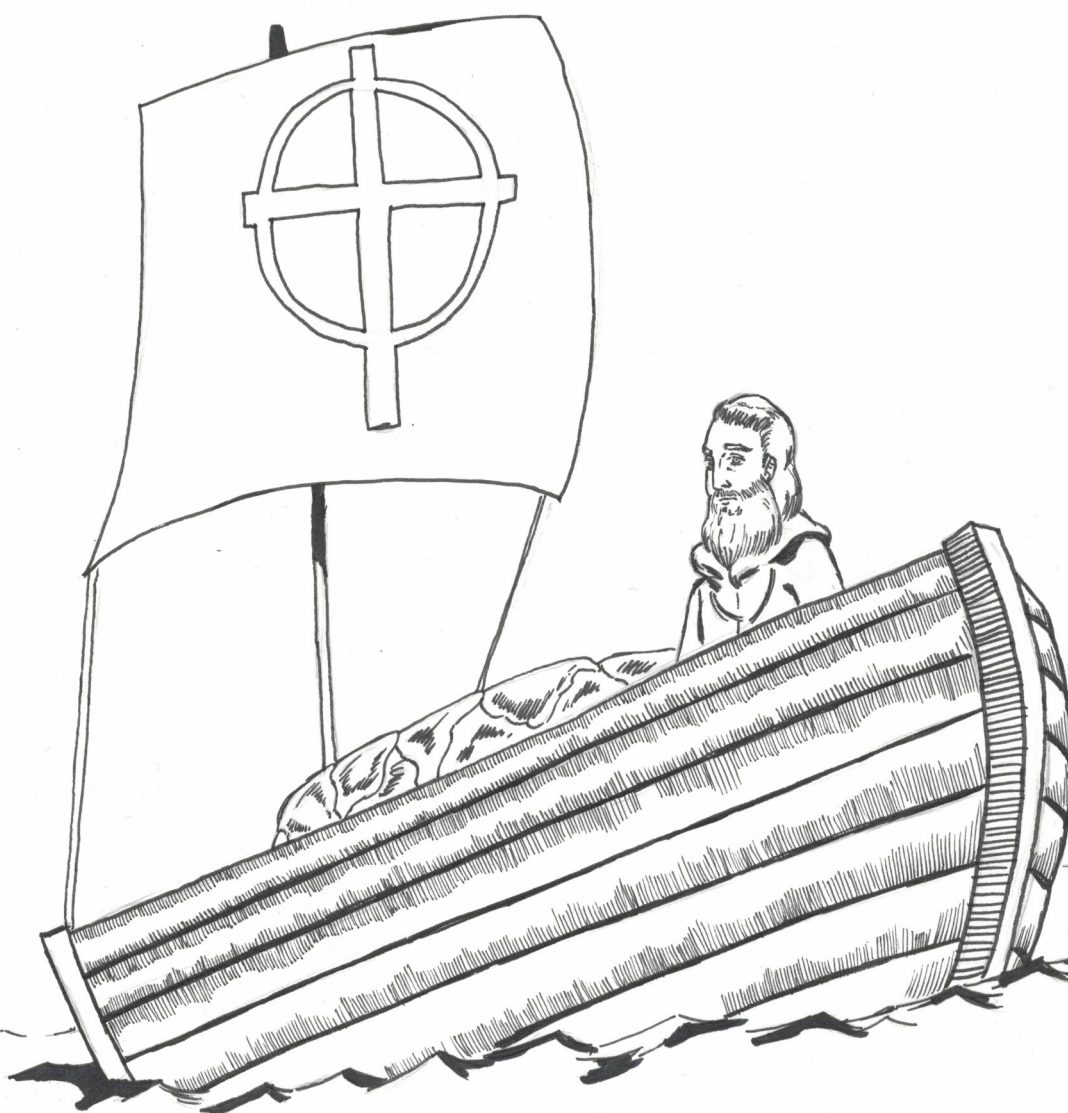


Saint Bridget

# St. Brendan

Feast Day: 16<sup>th</sup> May Born: 484 Died: 577

- St. Brendan was born near Tralee Bay, Co. Kerry.
- It is said that brightly lit angels stood over his house when he was born.
- He loved travelling, especially by boat. His most famous trip lasted for around 7 years and it is believed he even reached America.
- St. Brendan set up a lot of monasteries in Ireland. His biggest one was in Clonfert, Co. Galway, where he is now buried.
- He is the patron saint of seafarers and travellers.

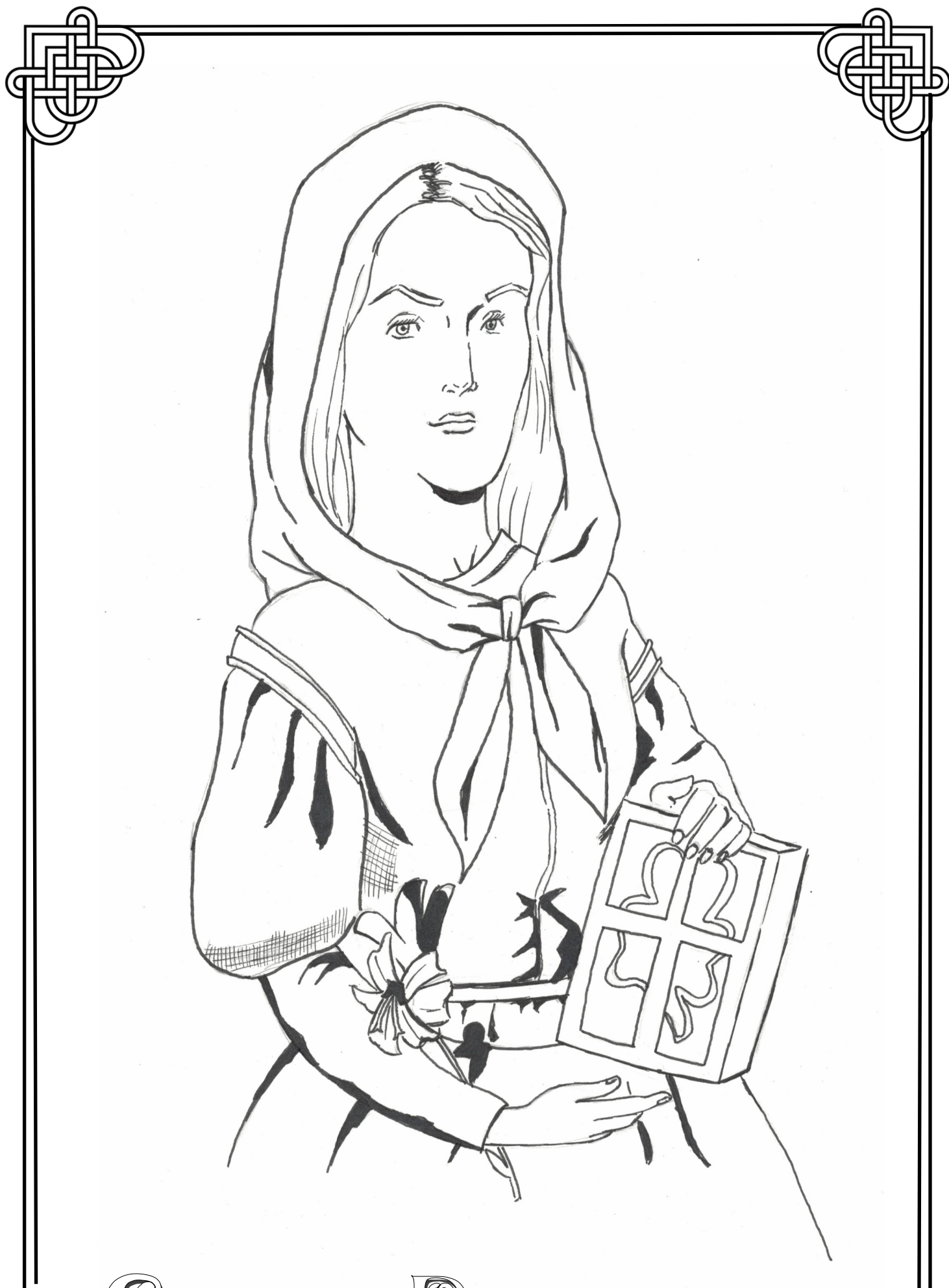


Saint Brendan

# St. Bymphna

Feast Day: 15<sup>th</sup> May Born: 400's Died: 400's

- St. Bymphna was born in Ireland. Her father was not Christian, but her mother was.
- After her mother died, her father went mad. She escaped to Belgium with a priest and two of her servants.
- She built a hospital for the poor and the sick while she was in Belgium.
- Her father found her after a long search. When she refused to return to Ireland with him, he killed her.
- She was known as Lily of Éire and is the patron saint of mental illnesses.



Saint Dymphna

# St. Oliver Plunkett

Feast Day: 1<sup>st</sup> July

Born: 1629 Died: 1681

- St. Oliver Plunkett was born in Loughcrew, in Co. Meath.
- When he became a priest in Rome, he was not allowed to return to Ireland because it was against the law to be Catholic.
- He later became a bishop in 1669 and managed to get to Ireland where he built schools and taught about God.
- He had to go into hiding but was found and arrested for his beliefs. As a result he was found guilty and he was killed on July 1<sup>st</sup> 1681
- He is now the patron saint of peace in Ireland.





St. Oliver Plunket



# St. Declan

Feast Day: 24<sup>th</sup> July Born: 400's Died: 400's

- St. Declan was born in Ardmore, Co. Waterford.
- He taught in Ireland just before St. Patrick came to bring Christianity in 432.
- St. Patrick asked St. Declan to build a monastery in Ardmore, so that he could help to teach the Irish people about God.
- The round tower of the monastery can still be seen in Ardmore. As well as this there is a walking path near the monastery known as St. Declan's Pilgrim Path.
- He is the patron saint of Ardmore.



Saint Declan

# St. Columba

Feast Day: 9<sup>th</sup> June Born: 521 Died: 597

- St. Columba was born in Co. Donegal.
- He became a priest and spent many years teaching in Berry, Burrow, and also in Wells.
- When he was 42 he moved to the island of Iona in Scotland where he built a monastery.
- He spread God's message to the Scottish people, who were known as Picts, with the help of St. Canice and St. Comgall.
- He developed a way of life for monks, which they followed for many years.
- He is the Patron Saint of poets and bookbinders and one of the Patron Saints of Ireland.

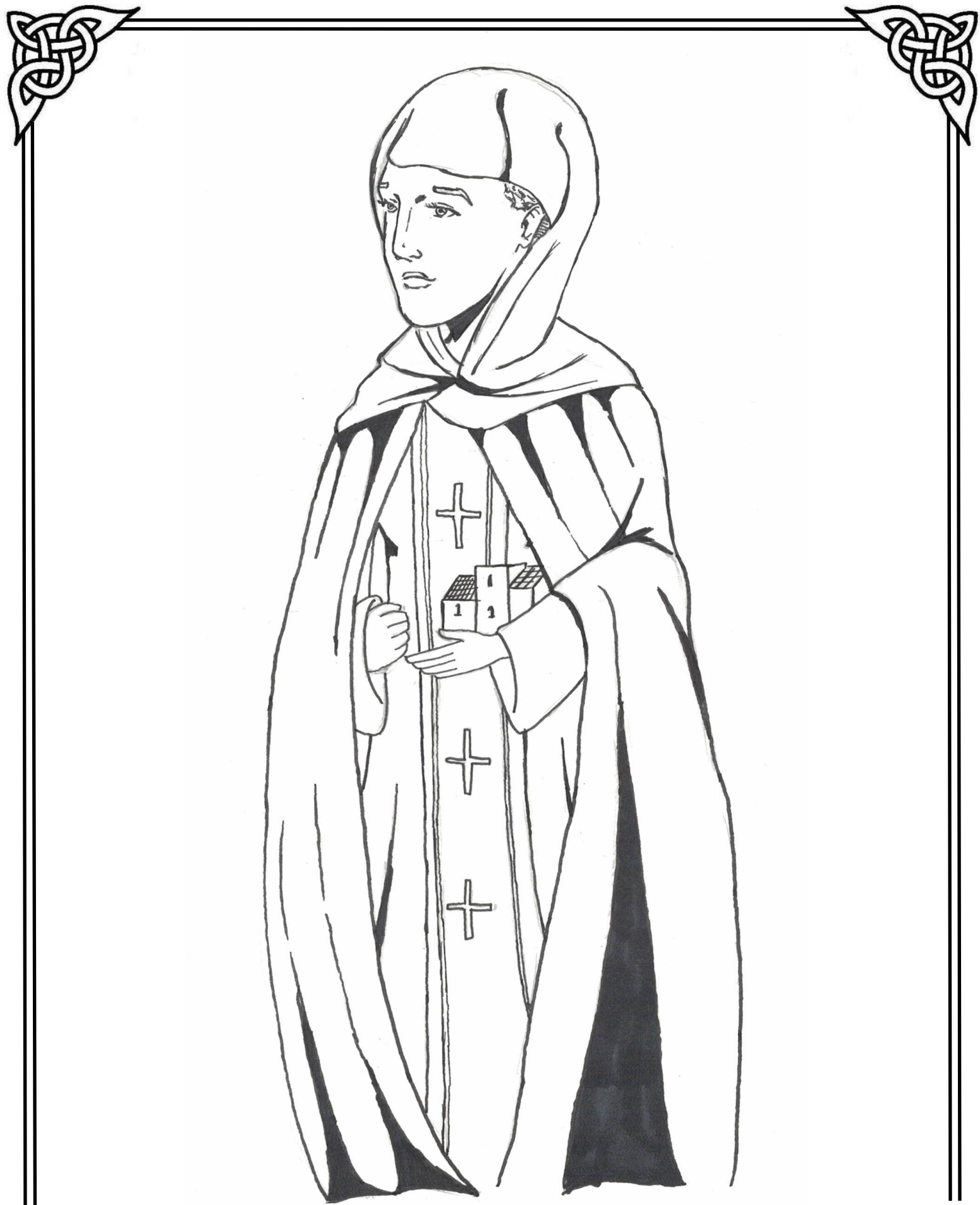


Saint Columba

# St. Ita

Feast Day: 15<sup>th</sup> January Born: 475 Died: 570

- St. Ita was born in Decies, in Co. Waterford.
- She asked her father's permission when she was young if she could live her life without getting married.
- She moved to Limerick where she decided to set up a community of women who wanted to serve God in a special way.
- She also set up a school for young boys and one of her most famous students was St. Brendan.
- Many miracles happened in her life. One of these was that she didn't need any food except the Holy Communion she got each day she went to mass.



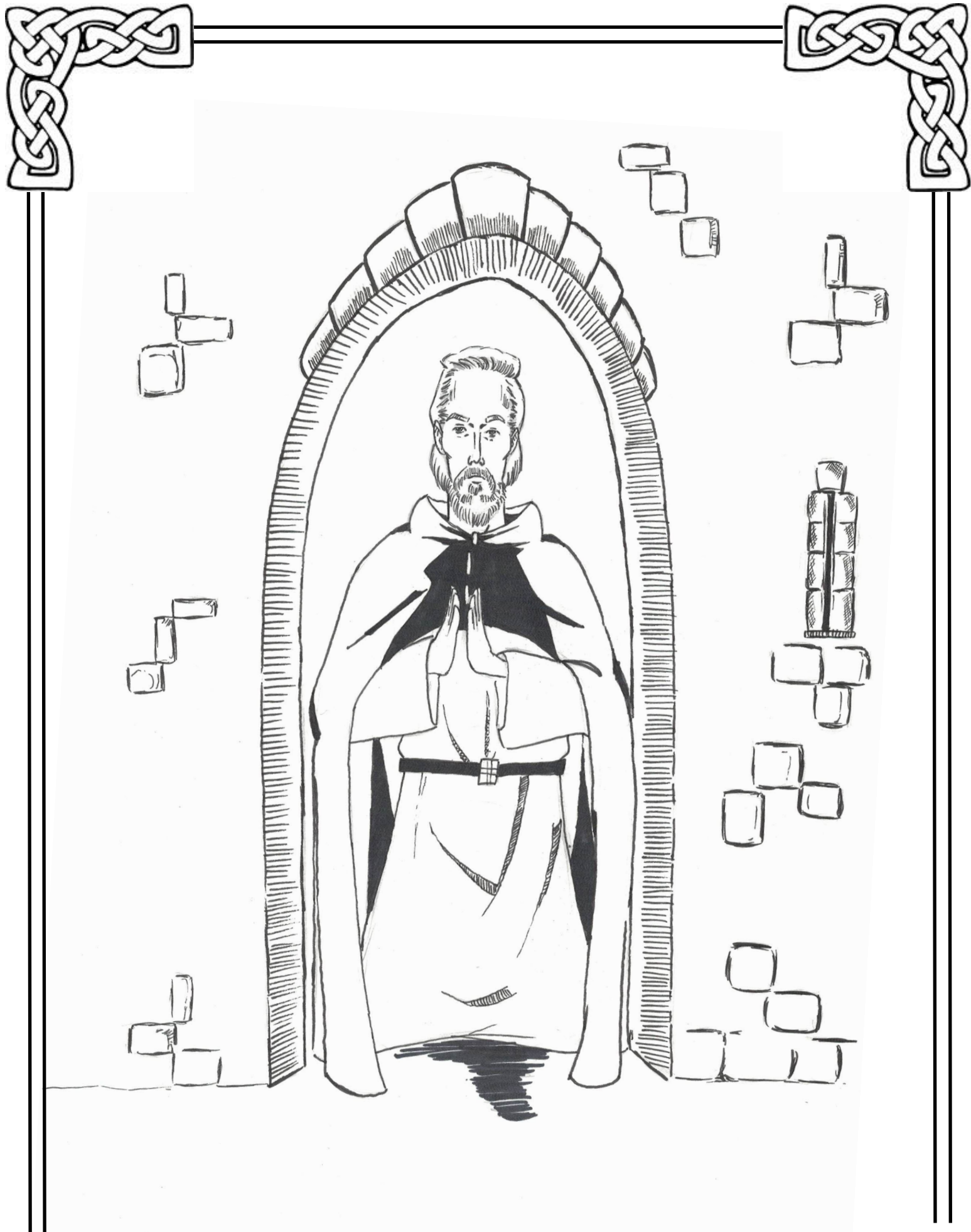
Saint Ita

# St. Giaran

Feast Day: 9<sup>th</sup> September    Born: 516 Died: 549

- St. Giarán was born somewhere in Connaught.
- He was the son of a carpenter named Beoit.
- As a monk he taught the daughter of a king. He was known as the smartest monk in the monastery he lived in.
- He moved to another monastery in the middle of Ireland. The monks there didn't like St. Giarán because they thought he gave too much to the poor. They asked him to leave.
- He built a monastery in Clonmacnoise, Co. Offaly with 8 of his friends, and it became famous all over the world.





Saint Ciaran

# St. Maura

Feast Day: 2<sup>nd</sup> November Born: 400s Died: 400s

- St. Maura was born in Ireland in the 5<sup>th</sup> century.
- It is said that she is the sister of St. Brigid.
- Some people say that she was also a Scottish princess.
- She was killed on the road in the middle of a pilgrimage to Rome where the Pope lived.
- She spent her time with another saint called St. Britta.
- They worked as soldiers with two other saints; St. Euphronius and St. Martin of Tours.



Saint Maura



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