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Skibbereen: €1,615
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Saint of the Week

St Columban (Columbanus) (c. 543–615) was an Irish missionary and abbot who played a vital role in reviving Christianity across medieval Europe. Born in Leinster he trained at Bangor Abbey in Ireland which was a great centre of learning. He travelled with twelve companions to Gaul, establishing monasteries in France, Switzerland, and Italy, including Luxeuil-les-Bains and Bobbio. Renowned for his strict monastic rule, scholarship, and defence of Irish liturgical traditions, he died in Bobbio, leaving a lasting spiritual and cultural legacy.
Feast Day 23 November.

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St Vincent de Paul, Skibbereen: 087 918 2698
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Women against Violence Helpline
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Naomh Ciarán of Cape Clear

The tradition in West Cork is that St Patrick never came here, instead we were converted by Naomh Ciarán. Devotion to him is particularly strong on Cape Clear Island, where he is said to have been born in the late 300s.
The written accounts of his life date from the 1200s or later. They tell us that he studied on the continent and, after meeting St Patrick there, he returned to Ireland to begin his mission. He founded his first church on Cape Clear and later moved to Ossory, where his father came from. He is credited as being Ireland's first saint.
There are numerous stories about him, many recalling his great love of animals. Others are more fantastical, including that he rose the dead and that he lived to be over 200 years old. In Cornwall, where he is known as St Piran, it is believed that he floated there on a millstone and converted the Cornish people.
It is difficult to know what is true about Naomh Ciarán, but tradition and other evidence, such as the links between fifth-century Ireland and Britain, mean we should not dismiss his claim to the title of Ireland's first saint.

William Casey