

Feasts and Important Dates

| Date | Feast/Liturgical Occasion | Gospel for Sunday |
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| 1 June | The Ascension of the Lord | Luke 24:46-53 |
| 2 June | Saints Marcellinus and Peter | |
| 3 June | St Kevin | |
| 5 June | St. Boniface | |
| 6 June | St. Norbert, St. Jarlath | |
| 7 June | St. Colman | |
| 8 June | Pentecost Sunday | John 20:19-23 |
| 9 June | St. Columba | |
| 11 June | St. Barnabas | |
| 13 June | St Anthony of Padua | |
| 15 June | The Most Holy Trinity | John 16:12-15 |
| 20 June | The Irish Martyrs | |
| 21 June | St. Aloysius Gonzaga | |
| 22 June | The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi This feast recalls the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. | Luke 9:11-17 |
| 24 June | The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist | |
| 27 June | The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus | |
| 28 June | Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary | |
| 29 June | Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles | Matthew 16:13-19 |

June 1: Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord is a major Christian holiday celebrating Jesus' ascension into Heaven, 40 days after his resurrection. It's a solemn feast, often observed on a Thursday, with some denominations moving the observance to the following Sunday. The day is a reminder of Jesus' victory over death and his continued presence in heaven, interceding for humanity.

June 3: St Kevin



St Kevin, man of prayer

Help us to imitate you by making stillness and silence a priority in our lives

St Kevin, man of service

Help us to imitate you by never holding back on helping others

St Kevin, upholding creation

Help us to imitate you by showing reverence to even the smallest of creatures

St Kevin, man of inspiration

Help us to imitate you by listening to the promptings of the Spirit deep inside us

St Kevin, patron of Dublin

Help every person in our Archdiocese to hear a call to service and to stretch out their arms in kindness and compassion

St. Kevin was a native of Leinster and grew up in Kilnamanagh, where he received his early religious formation. Wishing to be a hermit, he crossed the mountains to Glendalough and settled in Disert Caoimhghin, at the foot of the upper lake but disciples began to gather round him. Gradually, the great monastic settlement grew and spread through the glen after his death in 618.

June 8: Pentecost Sunday



Pentecost Sunday is celebrated 50 days after Easter and commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, fulfilling Christ's promise to baptize his followers with the Spirit. It is often seen as the birth of the Christian Church

June 9: St Columba



Saint Columba (7 December 521 – 9 June 597), also known as Colum Cille, was born in Gartan, Co. Donegal, and he was of royal lineage. He was an Irish abbot and missionary credited with spreading Christianity in present-day Scotland. He founded the important abbey on Iona, which became a dominant religious and political institution in the region for centuries. He is the Patron Saint of Derry. St. Columba is known for his great love of people and for all living creatures.

13 June: St. Anthony of Padua



St. Anthony of Padua is one of the Catholic Church's most popular saints. Saint Anthony of Padua, patron saint of lost and stolen articles, was a powerful Franciscan preacher and teacher. He's typically portrayed holding the child Jesus—or a lily—or a book—or all three—in his arms. Many people give alms to St. Anthony Bread in thanksgiving to God for blessings received through the prayers of St. Anthony.

St. Anthony of Padua's life is what every Christian's life is meant to be; a steady courage to face the ups and downs of life, the call to love and forgive, to be concerned for the needs of

others, to deal with crisis great and small, and to have our feet solidly on the ground of total trusting love and dependence on God.

St Anthony is beloved throughout the world. He was a simple and humble friar who preached the Good News lovingly and with fearless courage.

28 June: Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a devotional name used to refer to the interior life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, her joys and sorrows, her virtues and hidden perfections, and above all, her virginal love for God the Father, her maternal love for her son Jesus, and her compassionate love for all persons.

Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

*Immaculate Heart of Mary,
Mother of Jesus and our gentle Mother,
I come to you with trust and love.*

*Your heart is full of compassion,
your love never fails,
and your presence brings peace.*

*Hold me close in your care.
Guide me to your Son, Jesus,
and teach me to follow Him
with courage, humility, and joy.*

*Help me to love as you love—
with patience, kindness, and mercy.
When I am weak, be my strength.
When I fall, lift me up again.*

*I give you my heart,
my hopes, my fears, and my dreams.
Shape them in your hands,
and bring them to your Son.*

*Immaculate Heart of Mary,
pray for me now and always.
Amen.*

29: June Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Saints Peter and Paul were prominent figures in early Christianity, celebrated on June 29th. Peter was one of Jesus' original twelve apostles and considered the "rock" upon which the Church was built, as well as the first Pope. Paul, originally Saul, was a persecutor of Christians who had a dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus, becoming a major missionary and writing many of the letters in the New Testament. They both died as martyrs in Rome during the reign of Emperor Nero.

**St. Peter was the first Pope and now let us pray for
Pope Leo XIV
who was chosen on
8 May 2025.**

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

*Heavenly Father,
We thank You for the gift of our new shepherd, Pope Leo XIV.
Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon him,
That he may lead with wisdom, courage, and compassion.
Strengthen him in faith,
Guide his words with truth,
And bless his heart with the love of Christ.*

*Grant him the grace to serve with humility,
To unite Your Church in peace,
And to be a faithful witness to the Gospel in our world.*

*Protect him from all harm,
Uplift him in times of challenge,
And fill him with joy in his holy mission.*

*Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church,
And all the saints,
May Pope Leo XIV be a light to the nations
And a true shepherd after Your own heart.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen*



Leo P.P. XIV

