**Wednesday, November 21st**

**The Presentation of the Blessed Mary Virgin**

On this feast we remember how Mary’s parents, Joachim and Anne, brought Mary to God in the Temple in Jerusalem when she was three years old. This they did in thanking God for the life of their daughter and promising God that they would guide her to live a life in response to God’s call.

*Suggestion- To pray the Joyful Mystery, The Presentation, as a class or school.*

*(While this decade is a reminder of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple it embraces the giving thanks for Mary, Joachim and Anne’s child, who faithfully answered God’s call in life and who in turn presented her son, Jesus to God to follow God’s way).*

**Friday, November 23rd**

**St Columban (Abbot and Missionary)**

He was an Irish Missionary, born in 543 AD. He died in Italy. He founded monasteries in France and Italy. Like many saints, he had a great love for God's creatures. It is said that when he walked in the woods birds would come and land on his shoulders to be caressed, or squirrels would run down from the trees and nestle in the folds of the hood of his habit!