

St. Kevin of Glendalough

On June 3rd the Church celebrated the Feast of St. Kevin. As a young man, St. Kevin left his parents' home near Dublin and went off to the Wicklow Mountains in search of peace and quiet. He arrived at a beautiful valley called Glenn Dhá Loch, meaning 'Glen of the Two Lakes', which is better known today as Glendalough. Kevin settled there, and soon many of the wild animals became his constant companions. There are many stories associated with St. Kevin. Kevin spent most of his time in prayer. One story told is that while Kevin was praying, praying the psalms, he had his arms outstretched. He was like that praying for so long that a Blackbird came and made a nest in one of his hands.

Another day Kevin dropped his prayerbook into the lake accidentally and an otter rescued the prayerbook for him. Over time many young men gathered around Kevin to follow his example of prayer and fasting that in time a monastery was build in Glendalough. The monastery became one of the most impressive monasteries in Ireland. Kevin died in the year 618.

1. Write or draw your thoughts after reading this passage on St. Kevin.

Naomh Caoimhín

Ceiliúrtar Lá Fhéile Caoimhín ar an 3 Meitheamh. Agus é ina fhear óg, d'fhág Naomh Caoimhín teach a thuismitheoirí in aice le Baile Átha Cliath agus chuaigh sé go Sléibhte Chill Mhantáin ag cuardach na síochána agus an chiúnais. Tháinig sé go Gleann Dá Loch. Chuir Caoimhín faoi ansin agus níorbh fhada go raibh the hainmhithe fiáine mar chompánaigh aige. Tá scéal ann faoi mhadra usice a shlánaigh a leabhar urnaí ón loch agus scéal eile faoi lon dubh ag neadú ina lámh. Chaith Naomh Caoimhín cuid mhór dá shaol ag guí. Níorbh fhada gur tháinig daoine go Gleann Dá Loch chun bualadh le Caoimhín.

1 Scríobh nó tarraing pictiúr faoi cad a cheapann tú tar éis an sliocht a léamh faoi Naomh Caoimín.

Paidir

Glóir don Athair agus don Mhac, agus don Spiorad Naomh. Mar a bhí ó thús, mar atá anois, Agus mar a bheas go brách, le saol na saol. Áimean.