

SUNDAY 20TH MARCH 2022

ST COLUMBA'S FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

HI FAMILIES OF ST COLUMBA'S,

St Patrick's Day

Happy St Patrick's Day to you. I was surprised to hear the claim that Patrick, Ireland's Patron Saint was born in Scotland – there are other places of birth that are claimed. Recovering reliable historical information about many of the saints is difficult if not impossible, and Saint Patrick (c. 390–461) is no exception.

Born in Scotland (?), Patrick was imprisoned and taken to Ireland when he was about sixteen years old. He returned home after six years, only to have a dream in which the people of Ireland called out to him, "we beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once again." He did return, and although the details are obscure and the legends are large, he wandered and ministered in Ireland for over thirty years, converting the nation.

On his sea journeys he would have known the grandeur and the danger of the ocean. This week's Carnival of the Animals brings us, surely the mightiest of all sea creatures – the blue whale. David's picture and story can be found on the website at <https://www.stcolumbas.org.uk/lent/meditations-for-young-people/> Enjoy.



Recordings for Holy Week 2022

Look out for requests to help record readings and prayers for Holy Week 2022. We plan that the worship recorded for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday in Holy Week will be done by our young people and their parents. We will record at church after service on Sunday 3rd April. Making sure we get to hear the voices of the young in our church!

Finally....in honour of celebrating all things Irish (But not a win against Scotland on Saturday.)



·What do you call a fake Irish stone? A sham-rock!

·Why should you never iron a four-leaf clover? You don't want to press your luck!

·What do you call a bulletproof Irishman? Rick-O-Shea!

And one for the parents:

·Jameson on St. Patrick's Day? It's worth a shot.

Have a great weekend,

Angus & the Sunday School Team