

# *Celtic Monasteries*

# Keywords

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# Christianity

- A religion which followed Jesus Christ
- We know it was in Ireland in 431AD as the pope sent a bishop called Palladius to Ireland
- St Patrick is believed to have brought christianity to Ireland



# Monasteries

Monasteries are places where Christians went to pray to god without distraction.

Many were in remote places.

The men in monasteries are called monks.











*Glendalough monastery*

# Scelig Mhichil

Scelig Mhichil is a tiny island off the coast of Kerry which had a monastery on it.









# Clonmacnoise



# Manuscripts

- Manuscripts were books copied by hand. Printing was not yet invented. In monastries the monks copied the bible.
- The place where the books were copied was the Scriptorium

The monk who worked in a scriptorium and did the writing was called a scribe

The paper they used was called vellum which is made from the skin of calves







**H**ic sermo natus est in  
 ceteris ante mediu[m] disci-  
 pulus apostolorum postea  
 paulus secus usque ad con-  
 fessionem dei seruans sine crimine:  
 nam neque uxorem unquam habuit neque  
 filios septuaginta et quatuor annorum  
 obiit in bithynia ple[n]e spiritum sancto.  
 Qui cum iam scripta essent euangelia . p  
 mattheu[m] quidem in iudaea . p marcu[m] autem  
 in italia: sancto indigante spiritu in  
 archaie partibus h[ic] scripsit euangelium:  
 significans etiam ipse in principio ante  
 suam alia esse descripta . Qui cetera ea quae  
 uero sua genit[ur]a dispositionis exposcit  
 ra maxime uicissim laboris hinc ut  
 primum grecis fidelibus omni p[ro]p[ri]etate  
 que uenturi in carnis dei casti manife-  
 stata humanitate ne iudaeis fabulosa  
 autem: in sola legis desideria uenerit  
 tur: uel ne hereticis fabulis et stultis  
 sollicitationibus secundi egrediant a ue-  
 ritate laboraret: de hinc ut in princi-  
 pio euangelij iohannis naturam pre-  
 sumpta: cui euangelium scriberet et in  
 quo electi scriberet indicaret: ceteros i-  
 se completa esse quae essent ab alijs incho-  
 ra . Qui ideo post baptismum filij dei a  
 perfectione generationis iustis implere  
 uolente a principio uacuationis huma-  
 ne potestas p[ro]missa est: ut requirentibus  
 demonstraret in quo apprehendens e-  
 rat per nathan filium dauid inchoatum re-  
 uerentis dei generationis admissio-  
 indisp[ar]abilis dei p[ro]p[ri]etas in homini-  
 bus carnis sui . p[ro]p[ri]et[us] opus h[ic]o redire  
 in se p[ro]p[ri]et[us] faceret: qui per dauid patrem  
 uenturibus iter p[ro]p[ri]et[us] in christo . Qui  
 luce non immere etiam scribendum  
 adu[m] apostolorum potestas i ministerio  
 datur: ut deo in deum plene et filio p[ro]p[ri]e-  
 tatis egredietur: oratione ab apostolis

facta . Lore domini electionis numerus  
 complectitur: sic paulus consumma-  
 tionem apostolicam adhibet dicit: qui diu  
 cetera simul ualiditate dicit legul-  
 fer . Quod et legibus ac requirentibus  
 dei . et si per singula repediti a nobis  
 uide fuerat: sciens tamen quod operam  
 agricolam oporteat de suis fructibus e-  
 dere . uitauit publicam uicissitudinem:  
 ne non ea uolentibus dei dimittente uide-  
 retur: quae salubritatibus prohibuisse .  
 Explet prologus . Incipit euangeli-  
 um secundum lucam . p[ro]p[ri]et[us] h[ic]o  
 us beati luce in euangelij lumen .

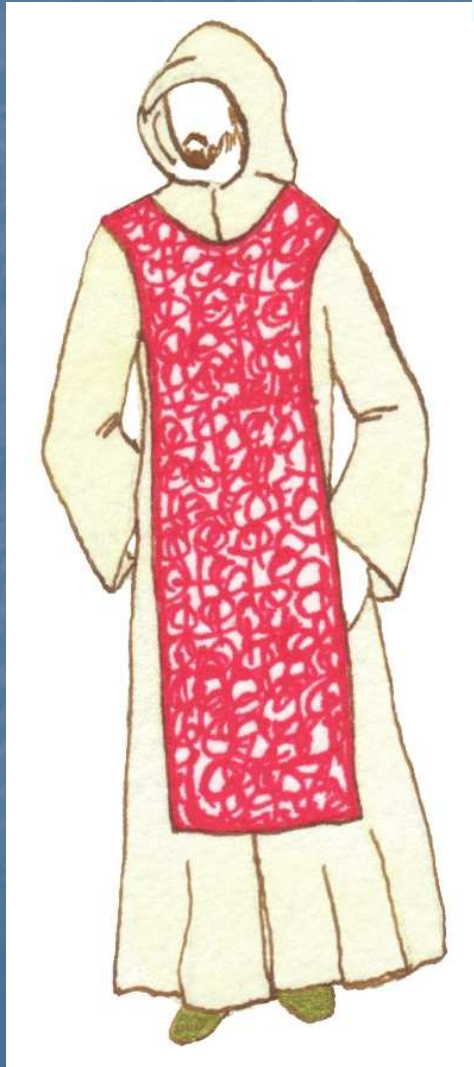
**B**oniam quidem multi co-  
 nan[ti] sunt ordinare nar-  
 rationes quae nobis com-  
 p[re]sentat sunt: sicut tradi-  
 dit nobis quod ab inicio  
 ipse uideret . et ministerio  
 fuerit inuenerit: uisum est et michi assu-  
 m[er]e omnia a principio diligenter et ordine  
 scribere op[er]e theophile: ut cognoscas  
 eos ueritas quae scribitur eo ueritate .  
**H**ic in diebus herodis ce-  
 saris inter sacerdotes quidam  
 nomine zacharias de ui-  
 ce abia . et uxor illi de filia-  
 bus aaron: et nomen eius elizabeth .  
 s[er]uauit autem iusti ambo ante deum:  
 incedentes in omnibus mandatis et  
 iustificationibus domini sine que-  
 rela . Et non erat illis filius . eo quod  
 esset elizabeth sterilis: et ambo pro-  
 cessissent i diebus suis . Factum est autem cum  
 reddiditunger zacharias in ordi-  
 ne uicis sue ante deum: secundum consue-  
 tum sacerdotum s[er]uauit ut in certum  
 poneret ingressus in templum domini .  
 Et cunctis multitudinis populi erat oratio so-  
 cris hora iugis . Et paruit autem illi  
 angelus domini: stans a dextera altaris







# An abbot was the head of the monastery



High crosses were carved with scenes from the bible or Christs life



# Ardagh Chalice

