Celtic Monasteries

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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 Palladuis 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

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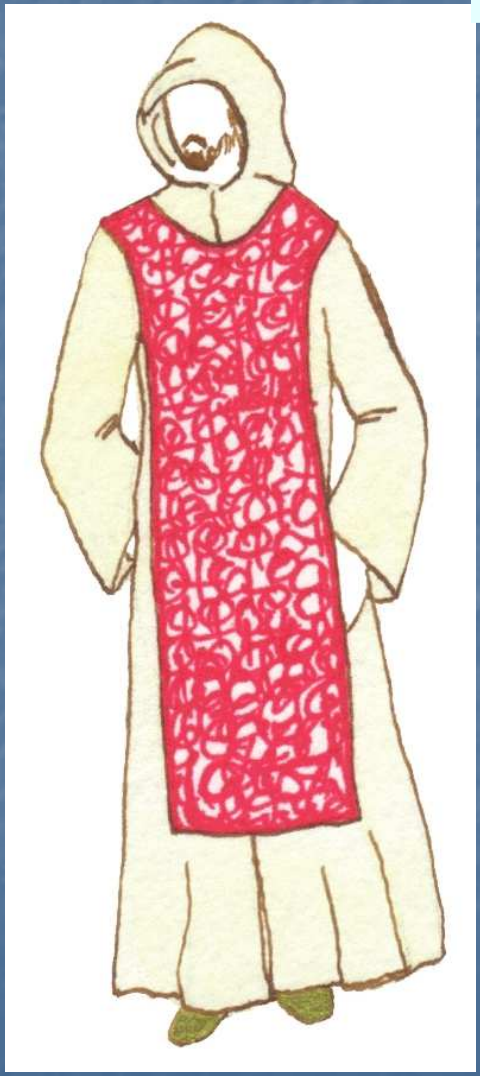
The Gutenberg Bible [The Grenville Library, British Library] digitized by the HUMI Project, Keio University, March 2000

An abbot was the head of the monastery



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

Ardagh Chalice