

Saint Kenneth, pray for us!



The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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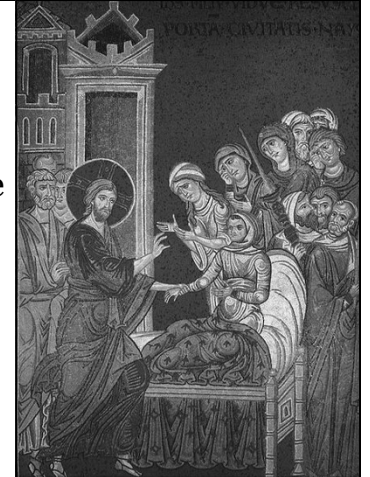
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God doesn't want sadness!

We've all heard sad stories, haven't we? Sometimes things are hard for people, or even for us. In today's Gospel reading, we hear one of the saddest of all. We hear about a woman whose son had died. She was already a widow—her husband had died. Now her son had died, too. Of course, she was very upset!



When Jesus saw her, He felt sorry for her, too. "Do not weep," He said. "Don't cry." Right then, He touched her son, and he rose up! The boy was alive again!

Lots of times, especially when you were little, your parents might have seen you sad or crying. "Don't cry," they said. Of course, your parents don't want you to be sad.

Just like your loving parents, God does not want us to be sad either. And sometimes it's hard to look past the sadness in this world, and to think about the joy God will give us in the world to come. God knows there is sadness in this life, but He will make things right for us in heaven. God has given us something to be very happy and joyful about. He gave His own Son, Jesus Christ. He opened up heaven for us, so that one day, we can be in a perfect place forever! "Don't cry," God tells us, too! But even better, God gives us a place where we won't even want to cry!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Apostles
- Gospel
- Heaven
- Ireland
- Kenneth
- Life
- Love
- Perfect
- Preach
- Sadness
- Widow

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WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

Here is a special icon showing the saints of Ireland.

Can you find Saint Patrick in the middle? He is blessing the people! Saint Kenneth is beside him.



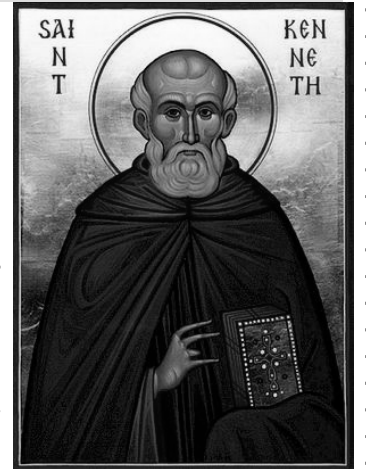
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THE 12 APOSTLES OF IRELAND

SAINT KENNETH OF AGHABOE (IRELAND)

You know about the 12 apostles.

But do you know about the 12 apostles to Ireland? These 12 men lived 500 years after the first 12 apostles, but these Irish saints had the same goal—to tell the world the good news of Jesus Christ. You might hear about Saint Brendan or Saint Columba (they were two of the 12 Irish apostles).



Tomorrow, we celebrate the nameday of one of these 12 apostles, Saint Kenneth. (He is also known as Saint Cainnech.) He started many monasteries in Ireland and Scotland, but the most important monastery was in Aghaboe, Ireland, which is a little more than an hour from Dublin, Ireland's capital.

People said that Saint Kenneth was a great preacher, and people would come from far away to listen to him speak about Christ. Other stories say he loved nature, and because he was a very gentle and holy man, the animals would come and want to be close to him.

If you ever visit the country of Ireland, you can find lots of places where the 12 Apostles to Ireland lived and worked. You will see many, many Christian churches. Then you'll remember that before these 12 apostles came to the island, the people worshipped idols, not our one, true God!

We celebrate St. Kenneth on Monday, October 11th (OC: Oct. 24th).