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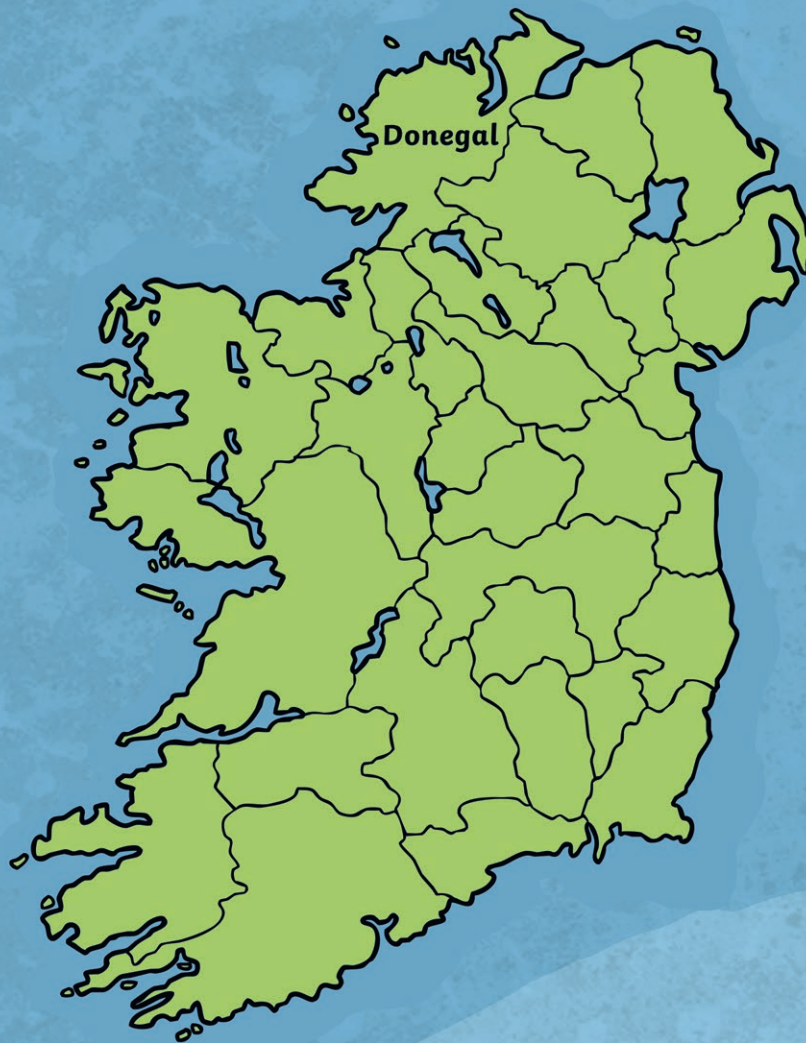
St. Colmcille



AD521

St. Colmcille was born in Donegal into the northern branch of the O'Neills.

His mother, Eithne, was a daughter of the King of Leinster. His father, Fedelmídh, was a great grandson of Niall of the 9 Hostages.



AD544

St. Colmcille joined the monastery in Glasnevin, St. Mobhi's. He had to leave due to a breakout of a disease. He returned to Donegal.



AD545

St. Colmcille founded his first ever monastery
in Derry.



AD563

St. Colmcille left Ireland and went into exile. He travelled to the island of Iona, off the coast of Scotland, with some other monks.

He founded a monastery on Iona and it soon became a popular place for people to go on pilgrimage to. Some High Kings of Scotland were buried here.



AD565

St. Colmcille is said to have seen the Loch Ness Monster attacking a local tribesman. St. Colmcille ordered the monster away and the man was saved. This is said to be the first ever sighting of the Loch Ness Monster.



AD597

St. Colmcille died at the altar in the church at Iona. He died saying his midnight prayers.

