



Prayers for the Week

WEEK BEGINNING 9TH JU

Monday 9th June



St. Columba

Saint Columba (Irish: Colm Cille, 'church doer') was a Scottish monk and missionary credited with spreading Christianity in the Hiberno-Scottish mission. He founded the monastery of Iona, a religious and political institution in the region. He is highly regarded by both the Gaels of Dál Riata and the Picts as a Christian saint and one of the Twelve Apostles of Scotland.

Prayer of St. Columba

Be a bright flame before me,
O God a guiding star above me.
Be a smooth path below me,
a kindly shepherd behind me
today, tonight, and for ever.
Alone with none but you, my God
I journey on my way;
what need I fear when you are near,
O Lord of night and day?
More secure am I within your hand
than if a multitude did round me stand.

Amen

Tuesday 10th June



St. Olivia of Palermo

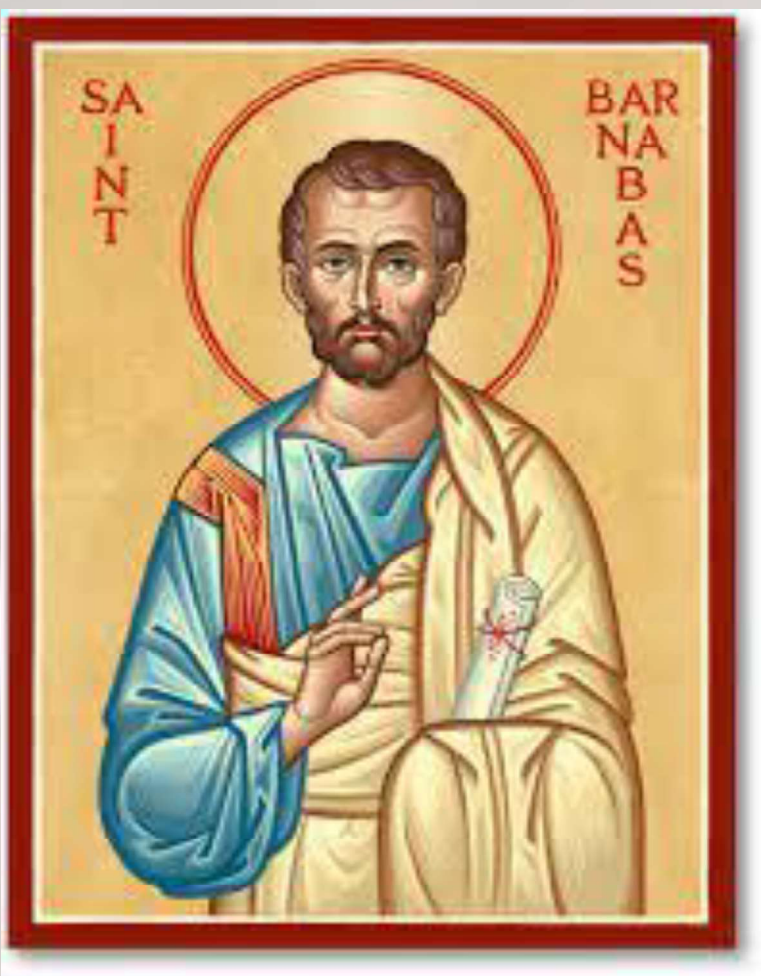
From her early years, St. Olivia she devoted herself to prayer and riches and loved to give charity to the poor. She was so strong and urged the Christians to remain steadfast in their faith. Through the strength of her spirit, seeing that nothing could break her, her family and house, they sent her to Tunis.

In Tunis, Olivia worked miracles and began to attract many people. Therefore, ordered that she be relegated to a place with wild animals, hoping that the beasts would devour her. But the animals lived peacefully around her. After many years in this region, Olivia converted many people to the Christian faith. For these things, he had her arrested and imprisoned. He tried to throw her into a cauldron of boiling oil, but these tortures did not make her renounce her faith. Finally, she was beheaded.

Prayer:

St. Olivia, you were a constant evangeliser of the Gospel. Help us in our Evangelisation, so that we may draw many men and women to Christ. We may persevere in our faith as you did. St. Olivia, pray that we may follow wherever God wishes to lead us. Amen.

Wednesday 1st
June



Barnabas was one of the very earliest followers of Jesus, mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles and he is also known as 'the encourager'. Joseph, he was given his new name of Barnabas, which means 'encouragement'. We first hear of Barnabas in the Acts of the Apostles, where he is described as a man of wealth and generosity, who sold land he owned to support the poor. Barnabas became one of the first members of a new congregation in Antioch. With Paul's help, he founded the church in Antioch.

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts who

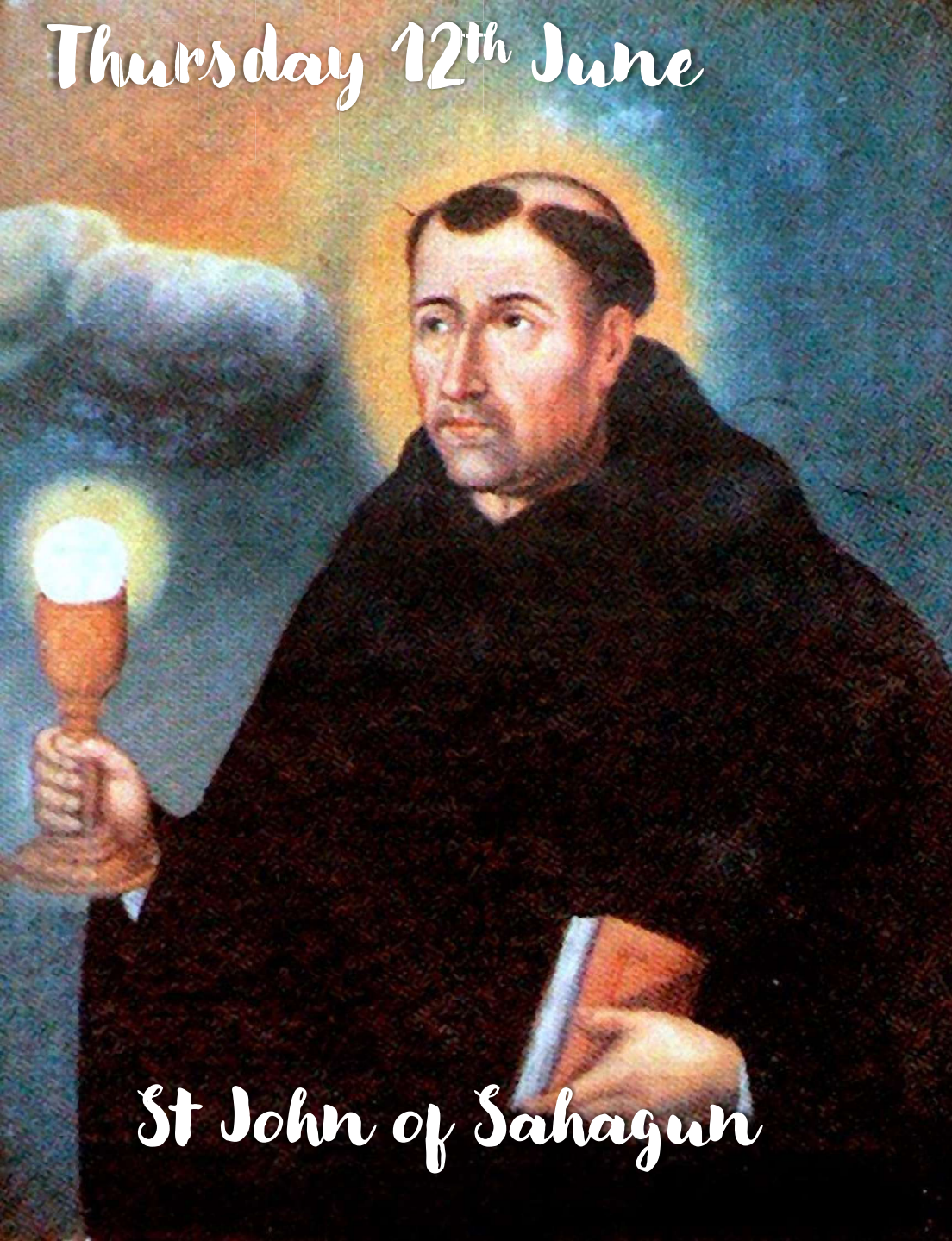
and gave him grace

Help us, by his example,

and unselfish on our service;

St. Barnabas

Thursday 12th June



St John of Sahagun

John González was born in Campos, Spain. He studied in Burgos and held the office of confessor. He died on June 11, 1479 and was canonized in 1691 by Innocent XII. His contemporaries that he was a great condemnation of the immorality of the time. He is venerated in the cathedral of Burgos both the city and the diocese.

Heavenly Father, Saint John, being attentive always to the needs of the poor, regardless of where they are, placed on one's availability of God's love - whether in one's responsibilities or in all my responsibilities to you. Amen

Friday 13th June



St Anthony of Padua

St. Anthony of Padua is one of the most popular saints. Anthony's wealthy family wanted him to become a lawyer, but he chose the life of a poor Franciscan priest. He performed many miracles in his day, and throughout the centuries, his prayers have generously come to the assistance of thousands of people throughout the world. We often turn to St. Anthony for help, and he is also someone to turn to when we need help.

Prayer:

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints. Give us, O Lord, for God and charity for his creatures, many miracles. Miracles waited on you, O Lord, for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by your favours that I seek (mention your request), O miracle, even so, you are the Saint of Miracles. My heart was full of sympathy, whisper my prayer. I loved to be held in your arms; and the good