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## Saint Kevin of Glendalough

Feast Day: 3 June

Saint Kevin, known in the Irish as Coemgen, was born around 498 AD and died in 618 AD. He is most famously associated with Glendalough, a picturesque valley in County Wicklow, Ireland, where he founded a monastic settlement. Saint Kevin's early life is steeped in legend; it is said that he lived as a hermit in a cave, now known as St. Kevin's Bed, where he led a life of prayer and solitude. His reputation for holiness and wisdom attracted many disciples, leading to the establishment of the monastic community. The monastic site at Glendalough grew to include churches, a round tower, and other structures that still stand as significant historical and religious landmarks.

Saint Kevin is associated with several legends that highlight his deep connection to nature and animals. One such tale describes him praying with his arms outstretched when a blackbird nested in his hand and laid eggs. He patiently held them until they hatched. This story exemplifies his patience, gentleness, and communion with the natural world, he is often depicted in religious art as a hermit or with birds. His legacy lives on not only through the ruins of Glendalough, which continue to attract pilgrims and tourists, but also through the values of contemplation and harmony with nature that he embodied.

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