



St Fin Barre

Almighty God
you guided Saint Fin Barre to this hallowed place
to teach the faith and the way of your Church;
grant that as he journeyed in faith
and discerned your guiding hand,
we may be so guarded and guided in our
earthly pilgrimage,
and that we may be found worthy of sharing
in his inheritance
and of all your saints in glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Dedication Festival

Almighty God,
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of
this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who worship you here:
and we pray that all who seek you in this place

may find you,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Saint Andrew's Day

Almighty God,
who gave such grace to your apostle
Saint Andrew
that he readily obeyed the call of your
Son Jesus Christ
and brought his brother with him:
Call us by your holy Word and give us
grace to follow without delay,
and to tell the good news of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Intercessions

The risen Christ is here in the midst of us.
We bring our prayers to him as Lord of the Church.

For the Church universal, of which St Fin Barre's Cathedral is a visible symbol,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For your people, as we remember your promise that when two or three are gathered in your name you are there in the midst of them,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For this place, that we may be still and know that you are God,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For your blessings in the past and for a vision for the future,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the pardon of our sins when we fall short of your glory,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For a foretaste of your eternal kingdom in the sacrament of the Eucharist,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the faith of those who have gone before us
For the people of Cork, for Bishop John Gregg,
for William Burges,
For all who built and crafted St Fin Barre's Cathedral and for grace to persevere like them,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the benefactors of St Fin Barre's Cathedral who have died in the peace of Christ and are at rest,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For a sense of our fellowship with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Patrick, Saint Fin Barre and all your saints,
Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

O God, from living stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling—a place for your majesty. Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit those who serve you here may always be kept within your presence.

This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Ideas to follow up and things to do

- 1. Go on a visit to Gougane Barra** and see what you can find out about St Fin Barre there.
- 2. Make a visit to St Fin Barre's Cathedral** and try to find all the things that we have been talking about.
- 3. Look for the Bishop's seat - *cathedra*.** Draw it or write down words to describe it. Look for St Fin Barre. He is found in 2 places on the bishop's seat. Where are they?
- 4. Look for the stained glass windows** that you have been colouring. What colours were actually used? Why do you think those colours were used? Are they very different from the colours you chose?
- 5. Look at the statues of the apostles and other biblical figures** on the west front of the cathedral. Can you figure out who they are by what they are holding or by the carvings they are standing upon?
- 6. Visit the other cathedrals in Cork, Cloyne and Ross** - at Cloyne and at Rosscarbery - and describe the ways in which they are the same as St Fin Barre's Cathedral and also the ways that they are different.
- 7. See what more you can find out about:**
 - a. St Fin Barre
 - b. William Burges