

# Columba (521-597) - Lecture 2 – ‘Prince and Exile’

## 1. Dal Riata and the Irish/Celtic Church

Ireland becoming Christian

Tribes (*Tuaths*) – *Ui Neill*

Colony of Dal Riata in Argyll (Scotland)

## 2. Columba leaving Ireland

563 – arrival in a *curragh*.

*Amra Choluimb Cille*, Columba’s ‘soft grey eye.’

## 3. The years in Ireland

Fedlimid & Eithne

Entrusted to church care – Finnian of Molville – Gemman of Leinster – Finnian of Clonard

Founding of Derry, 546 – 15/16 years founding 100/300 ‘churches/monasteries’

## 4. How do we solve a problem like Columba?

Plagiarise psalter theory & High King Diarmait

Battle of Cul Drebene (560) - Synod of Teltown (561)

## 5. Arriving in Scotland & King Conall of (Scottish) Dal Riata

Conall became King after 559 – following Gabrain’s defeat at hands of Picts

Conall a beleaguered monarch

Meeting at Dunadd?

## 6. Hinba

Unknown, but possibly *Eileach an Naoimh*, (Scottish Gaelic for Isle of the Saints) in the Garvellachs, just off the south coast of Mull.

Columba may have first landed at Southend, and then sailed up to Hinba.

## 7. Adomnan’s ‘*Life of Columba*’

- Book One: ‘*Of his Prophetic Revelation*’.
- Book Two: ‘*Of his Miraculous Powers*’.
- Book Three: ‘*Of his Visions of Angels*’.

## 8. Other Ancient Sources

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