

Date.	day of Week.	Notable Anniversaries in December.
1	Mon	Assembly of Volunteer Delegates to obtain Reform, dissolved, 1793. Thomas C. Luby sentenced to twenty years penal servitude for Fenianism, 1865.
2	Tues	Henry Flood died, 1791.
3	Wed	James II. abdicated, 1688. Sarsfield, with 4,500 men, landed at Brest, after the capitulation of Limerick, 1691. Proclamation against Secret Societies issued by the Earl of Eglinton, Viceroy of Ireland, 1858.
4	Thurs	Father Theobald Matthew, the Apostle of Temperance, died in the year 1858.
5	Fri	General Ginckle departs for England, 1691.
6	Sat	Father William Gahan died, 1804. John O'Leary, Editor of the <i>Irish People</i> newspaper, sentenced to penal servitude for twenty years, 1865.
7	Sun	St. COLUMBKILLE born, at Gartan, Kilmacrennan, in Tyrconnell, in the year 521.
8	Mon	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION B. V. M. Monster Funeral Procession in Dublin in honor of the Patriots, Allen, Larkin, and O'Brien, 1867. Assemblage of Oecumenical Council in Rome, 1869.
9	Tues	John O'Donovan, LL.D., the celebrated Gaelic scholar and translator, died, 1861.
10	Wed	St. LAURENCE. First Meeting of Reformed Parliament, 1868.
11	Thurs	Sixteen persons arrested in Belfast, charged with being members of a seditious society, 1858.
12	Fri	Gerald Griffin born, 1803.
13	Sat	Orange riot in the Theatre Royal, Dublin—attack on the Lord Lieutenant, 1822.
14	Sun	Leaders of the United Irishmen publish a proclamation exhorting the Volunteers to resume their arms, 1792.
15	Mon	The village of Clontarf burned, and its inhabitants put to the sword, by order of the Lords Justices, 1641.
16	Tues	French Expedition, with T. Wolfe Tone on board, sailed from Brest, 1796.
17	Wed	Dublin and Kingstown Railway, being the first in Ireland, opened for traffic, 1834.
18	Thurs	St. FLANNAN, Patron of Killaloe. The gates of Londonderry shut against the Earl of Antrim's regiment, 1688.
19	Fri	Repeal Banquet at Waterford, 1844.
20	Sat	Numerous arrests in Ireland under Habeas Corpus Suspension Act, 1866.
21	Sun	Meeting of the magistrates of the county of Armagh to protest against the illegal violence which the Catholics of that county were subjected to, 1795.
22	Mon	St. THOMAS. Battle of Kinsale, 1601. Death of General Corcoran, 1863.
23	Tues	Frederick Howard, Earl of Carlisle, landed and sworn Lord Lieutenant, 1780.
24	Wed	French Fleet arrived in Bantry Bay, 1796.
25	Thurs	CHRISTMAS DAY. Con O'Donnell and Con, son of Niall Oge O'Neill, escaped from Dublin Castle, 1575.
26	Fri	St. STEPHEN. The "Play-house" in Smock Alley, now Essex street West, fell, and killed and wounded several of the persons assembled, 1701.
27	Sat	Great storm in Dublin, which levelled several houses, tore up trees, and did considerable damage to house property in the city and suburbs, 1852.
28	Sun	Great preparations to resist another Fenian Invasion in Canada, 1866
29	Mon	James Finton Lalor died, 1850.
30	Tues	Repeal rent for the week, £778 16s. 1844.
31	Wed	Extensive seizure of Fenian arms in Belfast, 1866.

The first virtue which the Blessed Mother especially practised from childhood was humility.—*St. Matilda.*

ACCIDENTS.—No accidents are so unlucky, but what the prudent may draw some advantage from; nor are there any so lucky, but what the imprudent may turn to their prejudice. Accidents sometimes happen, from which a man cannot extricate himself without a degree of madness.

ABILITY.—The height of ability consists in a thorough knowledge of the real value of things, and of the genius of the age in which we live. To know when to conceal our ability, requires no small degree of it. Few of us have abilities to know all the ill we occasion. There are some affairs, as well as some distempers, which by ill-timed remedies are made much worse: great ability is requisite to know the danger of applying them.