Iona Abbey Explorer Quiz



Explore our abbey with this fun fact-finding mission. Remember to ask the steward if you need any help.



A cobbled street leads to the abbey. It was called Sràid nam Marbh. What does this mean?



St Columba might have had a writing hut on top of a small rocky hill. What is the hill called?



Two crosses stand in front of the church. Which one is older – St Martin's or St John's?



How many stained glass windows can you count in the church?



How would you write St Columba's name in Gaelic?



Can you name the person who decided to rebuild the abbey in 1899?

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Look at the gravestones around the cloister. How many have boats on?



How many human faces are carved into the cloister pillars?

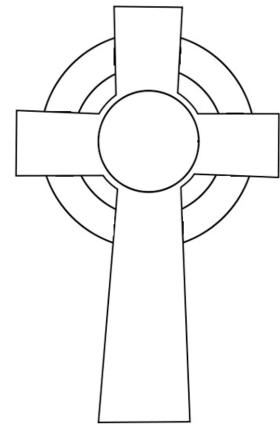


Find this tiny face in the museum. What is it made of?



Can you decorate your own high cross, like the ones at Iona?







In the museum, can you find the name of this important lady?



1]. She was head of the nunnery on lona.

10. They usually had rope-patterns on them, but sometimes had scenes with people in!

9. Gold, silver and...

8. That would be telling!

7. Look around the edge of the square courtyard with lots of pillars.

6. There's a very delicate carving of him in the church, lying beside his wife.

5. Look on the information panels - it meant Dove of the Church.

4. Make sure you look up at the top of the building!

3. One of the crosses is actually made of concrete, not stone.

2. Can you find it in English and Gaelic?

J. Look on the information panels near the cobbled path.

Need a clue? Look here...