

**Why Dornoch is prosperous today: Dornoch Cathedral**

There once was a young man called \_ \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (1), who lived in Ireland. In 540 AD he sailed across the Irish Sea to bring Christianity to the pagan people who lived in \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (2). One of the places he visited was Dornoch, and we think he may have set up a small community of monks here.

700 years later another holy man came to Dornoch. His name was \_ \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (3) (or Gilbert of Moravia) and he was the first Bishop of Caithness to live in the town. In 1224 he paid for a wonderful new \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (4) to be built in Dornoch. Stonemasons, glaziers and workmen came from many different countries to construct the big stone building. It was a long slow job, but it was finished before St Gilbert died in 1245.

The Cathedral was such an important institution that Dornoch soon became the most powerful town in \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (5). Seven big markets or fairs were held here every year, bringing lots of people and money to the town. Dornoch was an important legal centre too; it had the county's only law courts and \_ \_ \_ \_ (6). All criminals had to be brought to Dornoch for trial.

**Fill in the blanks above, using the clues below:**

- (1) RRABNIF TS – it's the wrong way round!
- (2) The land of the Picts and Scots
- (3) This man was a saint who used his first name
- (4) A place for worship, much bigger than a church
- (5) The Vikings thought it was the Land in the South, now it is a county and a surname
- (6) Don't get thrown into one of these!