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Who do you think this is?



Where is he most recognised?



How do we celebrate him?



Why do we celebrate him?



When do we celebrate him?



Who Was Saint Patrick?

Born around 385 AD.

Born in Bannavem Taburniae.

When he was 16, raiders from Ireland captured him and took him back to Ireland as a slave.

He was kept there for six years, until he was finally able to escape.

Saint Patrick travelled to Europe before eventually making it back to his family in Cornwall.



Who Was Saint Patrick?

Saint Patrick had a deep faith in God. All the time he was kept as a slave, he knew he would return to his family.

Once back home, he decided to study as a priest.
After becoming a Bishop, he made a strange decision....

....he would travel back to Ireland to spread the word of God to the people there.

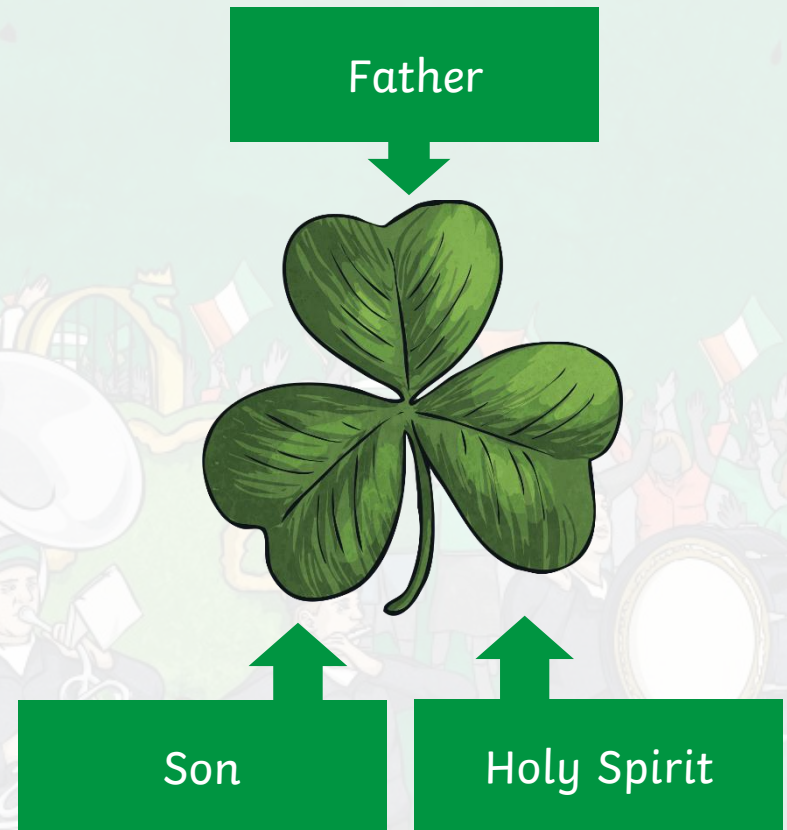


Why Do We Celebrate Saint Patrick?

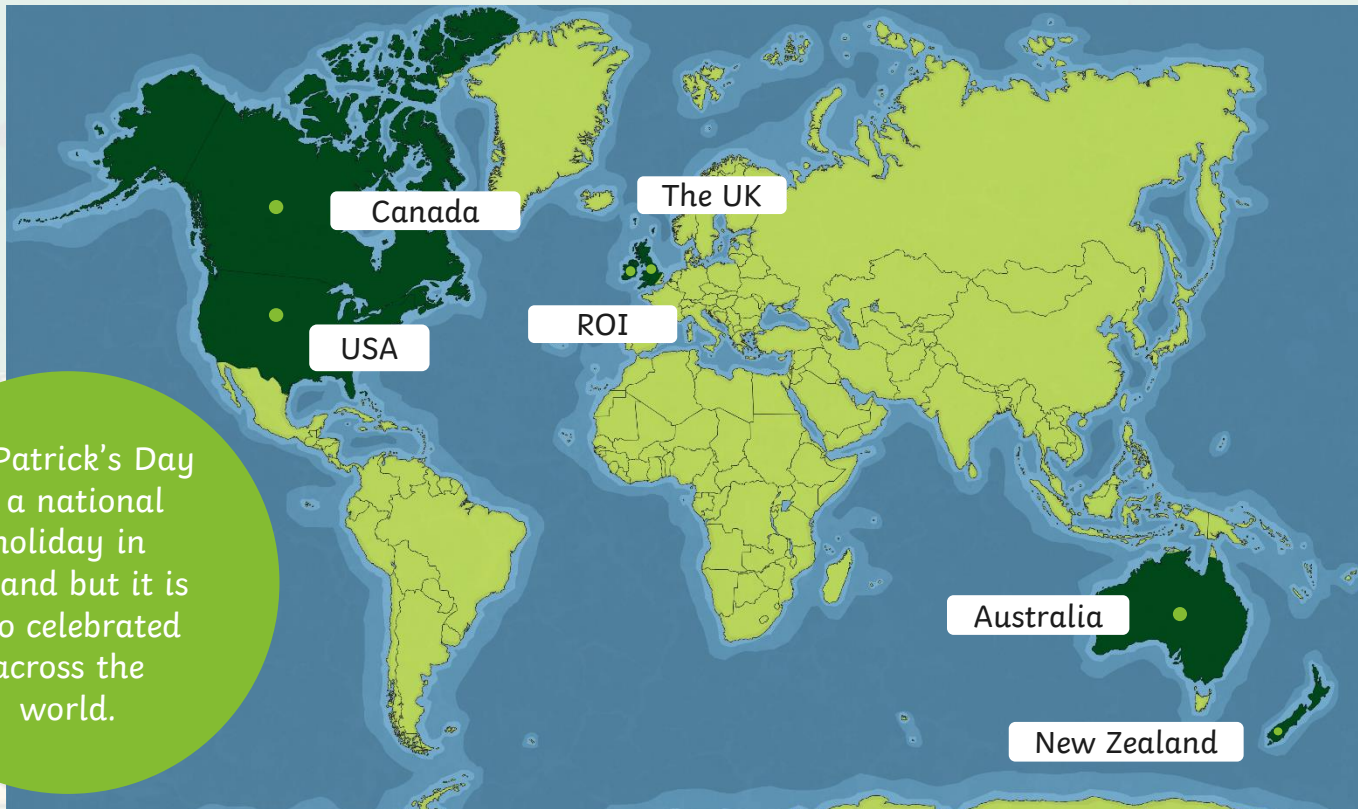
Saint Patrick walked across Ireland teaching people about God. Many people didn't want to listen but he was gentle and patient. Saint Patrick would talk about the life he knew from his captivity and listen to people's hardships.

He wasn't always welcome but he never gave up.

Saint Patrick used a shamrock to teach people about God. It could be found growing all over Ireland and was a simple way to teach about the Holy Trinity.



Where Is St. Patrick's Day Celebrated?



St. Patrick's Day is a national holiday in Ireland but it is also celebrated across the world.

Did You Know?

Some of the biggest St. Patrick's Day celebrations take place in America. 34.7 million Americans have Irish ancestry. That's seven times more than the population of Ireland!

How Is St. Patrick's Day Celebrated?

Famous landmarks are often lit up green.

People choose to dress in green.



Ireland is often known as the 'Emerald Isle' because of its green landscape.

Green!

In 1962, Chicago town officials even dyed the Chicago river green!



In 2008, the water fountain in Trafalgar Square, London turned green in honour of the saint.

Green represents the colour of the shamrock, used to teach about the Holy Trinity.

How Is St. Patrick's Day Celebrated?

A figure from Irish folklore, people sometimes dress up as leprechauns for fun.

The stories say that leprechauns store their pots of gold at the end of the rainbow. If you can catch a leprechaun, he will lead you to his gold.

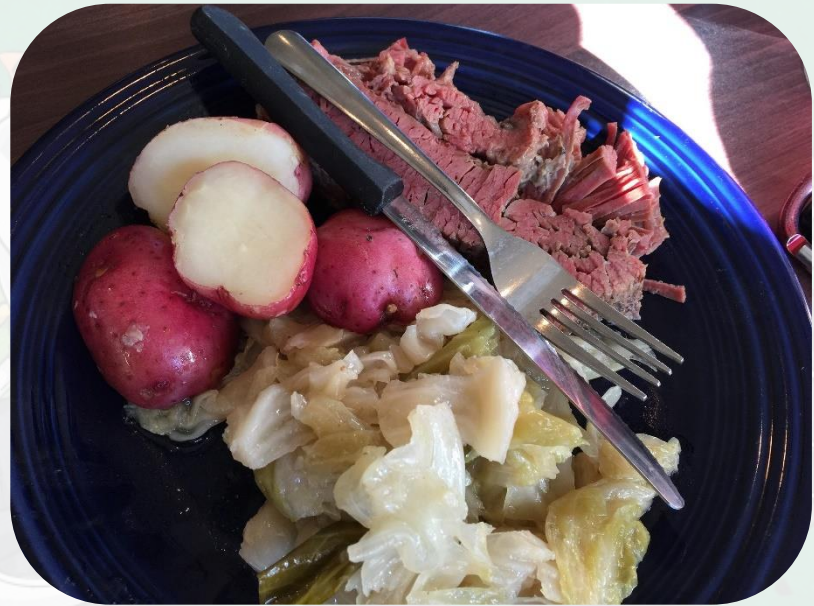


How Is St. Patrick's Day Celebrated?

Christian families go to church on the morning of St. Patrick's Day and celebrate together on the afternoon.



They might eat a traditional meal of corned beef and cabbage.



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Celebrations for St. Patrick's Day often culminate in a parade with music and dancing.

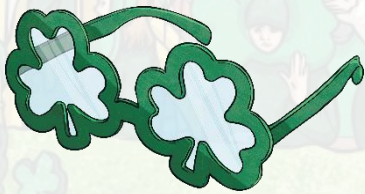
Take a look at this clip showing Irish dancing.



When Do We Celebrate Saint Patrick?

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on 17th March which is the day Saint Patrick died.

Can you remember any symbols of St. Patrick's Day?



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