

St. Patrick's



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St. Patrick's Day is celebrated every year on March 17th in honor of Saint Patrick of Ireland. He was the patron of Ireland, and a saint who brought Christianity to the nation. Saint Patrick is also known for driving the snakes away from Ireland.






The national symbol of Ireland is shamrock and according to legend Saint Patrick chose this plant to illustrate the Holy Trinity to the Irish.

Traditional activities include dressing up in green clothes, holding parades, arranging fireworks, singing and dancing in the streets, going to pubs, organizing fairs and festivals.





As it's a religious holiday, many people in Ireland attend mass for saying prayers. Green is the official colour of St. Patrick's Day. It is also the national colour of the Irish and the symbol of spring. That's why on this day people try to wear something green. It can be a T-shirt, a dress, a hat, a tie or simply a hair ribbon. They also paint green stripes on the city streets.



Another symbol of St. Patrick's Day is Leprechauns. They are little people who wear green clothes and carry the pot of gold. Leprechauns cannot be offended or hurt.

**Saint Patrick was a
gentleman,
He came of decent people.
In Dublin town, he built a
church,
And on it put a steeple.
His father was a Brallaghan,
His mother was a Brady
His auntie an O'Callaghan,
His uncle an O'Grady
So success to bold Saint
Patrick's fist,
He was a saint so clever.
He gave the snakes an awful
twist,
And banished them forever.**





The biggest observance of all is, of course, in Ireland. With the exception of restaurants and pubs, almost all businesses close on March 17th. Being a religious holiday as well, many Irish attend mass, where March 17th is the traditional day for offering prayers for missionaries worldwide before the serious celebrating begins.

Officially St. Patrick's Day is recognized as a bank holiday in Ireland. People don't work or study on this day.





Thank you for your attention!

