

St. Patrick's Day



St. Patrick's Day is named after Saint Patrick.

It is on the 17th of March every year.

Who Was Saint Patrick?



Lots of things that we know about Saint Patrick come from the letters that he sent.

People think that...



Saint Patrick was born in Britain.



He was born around the year AD 387.



Pirates made him go to Ireland and he was enslaved.



What Did Saint Patrick Do?

Saint Patrick started to pray. He became Christian. He went back to Ireland to tell Irish people about his faith. He made lots of churches.



Questions

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- 17th June

2. Where do people think that Saint Patrick was born? Tick one.

- Ireland
- Britain
- Rome

3. Which of these do people think is true? Tick one.

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- Saint Patrick sent letters to pirates.
- Saint Patrick was a pirate.

4. When is Saint Patrick said to have been born? Tick one.

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Many people think that...



Saint Patrick was born in Roman Britain.



He was born in the year AD 387.



Saint Patrick's family could have been rich.

It is said that Saint Patrick was taken to Ireland by pirates when he was 16 years old. He was made to be an enslaved person.



Did You Know...?



Saint Patrick called himself 'Patricius' in his letters.



Saint Patrick the Priest



Saint Patrick ran away from Ireland and he got on a ship back to Britain. He walked through the forest for 28 days and he was very hungry. Saint Patrick prayed that he would find some food soon.

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Then, Saint Patrick found a group of pigs. It was an answer to his prayers. This made Saint Patrick want to be a Christian priest.

Saint Patrick went back to Ireland a few years later. He told the Irish people about Christianity and he built lots of churches.



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- Britain
- Ireland
- the forest

2. Which of these facts tells you that Saint Patrick must have lived a very long time ago? Tick one.

- Saint Patrick was a Christian priest.
- The main patron saint of Ireland is Saint Patrick.
- Saint Patrick was born in Roman Britain.

3. Draw **three** lines and complete each sentence.

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One of the patron saints of Ireland and lots of other countries is Saint Patrick. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on the 17th of March every year.
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Who Was Saint Patrick?



A lot of things that we know about Saint Patrick today come from the letters that he wrote when he was alive. Only two of the letters can still be found so we do not know many things about Saint Patrick for sure.

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It is thought that Saint Patrick was born in Roman Britain around the year AD 387. Many people think that Saint Patrick's family would have been rich. This is because Saint Patrick's dad had an important job in ancient Rome.



What Happened to Saint Patrick?

It is said that Saint Patrick was stolen by pirates when he was 16 years old. He was taken to Ireland and he was made to be an enslaved person. This is when Saint Patrick started to pray.



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Saint Patrick heard a voice when he was praying one night. The voice told him that he would be able to go home soon because a ship was waiting for him. Patrick ran away, found the ship and sailed away from Ireland.
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Saint Patrick the Priest



Saint Patrick was very hungry when he got back to Britain. He walked through the forest for 28 days. He prayed that he would find something to eat soon. Suddenly, Saint Patrick found a group of pigs. He knew that his prayers had been answered. This made Saint Patrick become a Christian priest.

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Saint Patrick heard another voice a few years later. This voice told him to go back to Ireland to help the Irish people.

Saint Patrick went back to Ireland and he told the Irish people about Christianity. He built lots of churches in Ireland.



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The first fact that we learn is that one of the patron saints of Ireland and lots of other countries is Saint Patrick.

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Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that it was brave of Saint Patrick to go back to Ireland because he had run away from there a few years ago and the pirates might still have been looking for him so that they could punish him.