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St. Patrick's Day is a global celebration of Irish culture on or around March 17. It particularly remembers St Patrick, one of Ireland's patron saints.

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Description

Saint Patrick's Day, feast day (March 17) of [St. Patrick](#), [patron saint](#) of [Ireland](#). St. Patrick's Day celebrates the Roman Catholic feast day of the patron saint of Ireland. St. Patrick died on March 17, 461. But did you know that he wasn't even Irish?

History:

Patrick's birthname was Maewyn. Born in Roman [Britain](#) in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave.

He escaped to a monastery in Gaul (France) and converted to Christianity. He went back to Ireland in 432 as a missionary. While Christianity had already taken hold in the country, tradition has it that Patrick confronted the Druids at Tara and abolished their pagan rites, making Christianity more widespread.

Patrick became a bishop and after his death was named Ireland's patron saint. Celebrations in Ireland were understated though. When the Irish emigrated to the U.S., they created the bigger celebrations and parades known today. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many [legends](#) grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the [shamrock](#) to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts.

Eighteenth century Irish soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War held the first St. Patrick Day parades. The celebrations became a way for the Irish to connect with their roots after they moved to America.

Fun Facts:

- **The shamrock:** According to legend St. Patrick used the three leaf clover (or shamrock) to explain the Trinity.
- **Dyeing the river green:** The practice of dyeing the river green started in Chicago in 1962, when city officials decided to dye a portion of the Chicago River green.
- **Corn beef and cabbage:** This is an Irish American dish. Irish Americans were so poor they could not afford certain meals. On St. Patrick's Day, the best meal they could afford was beef and cabbage. It became a staple for the holiday.

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