

The Story
of

Saint Patrick



Saint Patrick



St. Patrick was born in Wales in the year 387. When he was sixteen years old, he was kidnapped by Irish soldiers and brought back to Ireland.

Saint Patrick

Patrick was sold as a slave to a farmer named Míolchú. He was forced to work as a shepherd on the hills of Sliabh Mis in Co. Antrim.



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Patrick spent six lonely years on the mountain taking care of the animals. He spent much of his time praying to God.

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One night, Patrick had a dream. In the dream, an angel told him that a ship was waiting on the coast to take him home.



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Patrick trusted the
angel's message, left
the mountain and ran
away in search of the
ship.

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Patrick made his way to the coast where he found the ship, just as the angel had said. The ship brought Patrick home to his family in Wales.



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Patrick's family were delighted to see him and welcomed him back home. Patrick was happy to be back home with his family.

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Although Patrick was happy to be back home, the Irish people were constantly on his mind. He felt sorry that they did not know about God.



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“Come
Back to
Ireland”



One night, he had another dream. In the dream, he heard the Irish people calling him back, asking him to tell them about God.

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Patrick's family sent him to France to study. After some years of study, Patrick became a priest.



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After some more years, Patrick became a bishop. Even though he was afraid, he decided to return to Ireland to teach the people about God.

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Patrick used a three-leaf shamrock to teach the Irish people about the Holy Trinity — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.



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Patrick showed the Irish people that just as there are three leaves in one plant, there are three parts to the one God.

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One legend about Patrick's time in Ireland, says that he banished all the snakes from the country.



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To celebrate Easter, Patrick lit a fire on the Hill of Slane. The pagan king had forbidden the lighting of any fire before his own was lit on the Hill of Tara.



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When the pagan king summoned Patrick, he used the shamrock to explain to the king about the Holy Trinity. The king was impressed and asked to be baptised.



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Patrick travelled all around the country, baptising people and setting up schools, churches and convents.

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Patrick is known as the patron saint of Ireland and his feast day is celebrated on March 17th, the date on which it is believed that he died.

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