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ST. PATRICK'S HISTORY



Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17th in honor of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. Saint Patrick was born in Britain in the late 4th century and was kidnapped by Irish raiders at the age of 16. He was taken to Ireland and forced to work as a shepherd. After several years, he escaped and returned to his family. Later, he became a Christian missionary and returned to Ireland to spread Christianity.

One of the most well-known legends about Saint Patrick is that he used the shamrock, a three-leaved plant, to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) to the Irish people. Another popular myth claims that he drove all the snakes out of Ireland, though historians believe this to be symbolic rather than literal.

Saint Patrick's Day is now celebrated worldwide with parades, wearing green clothing, and various festivities. In Ireland, it is a national holiday, and people attend church services and feasts in his honor.

1). When is Saint Patrick's Day celebrated?

Answer: _____

2). Where was Saint Patrick born?

Answer: _____

3). How did Saint Patrick end up in Ireland?

Answer: _____

4). What did Saint Patrick use to explain the Holy Trinity?

Answer: _____

5). How is Saint Patrick's Day celebrated today?

Answer: _____