



When Did Saint Patrick Become Religious?

Saint Patrick started to pray when he was an enslaved person.

One night, he heard a voice telling him that he would be able to go home soon because a ship was waiting for him.

That night, Patrick ran away. He found a ship and sailed away from Ireland. Patrick got to Britain three days later.

He walked through the forest for 28 days and started to feel ill because he was so hungry. Patrick prayed that he would find something to eat soon. Suddenly, Patrick found a group of wild pigs in the forest. He knew that his prayers had been answered.

Saint Patrick

What Is a Patron Saint?

A patron saint is a saint who looks after and guides a person or place. Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and is very special to many Irish people.

When Was Saint Patrick Born?

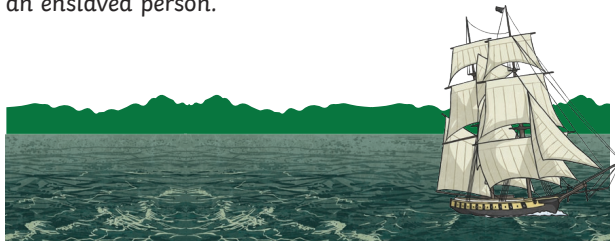
We do not know exactly when Saint Patrick was born because he lived such a long time ago. People think that he was born in the fifth century.

What Were Saint Patrick's Family Like?

People think that Saint Patrick's family were quite rich because his father had an important job in ancient Rome. They also think that his family were very religious because both his father and his grandfather had jobs in the church.

Why Did Saint Patrick Go to Ireland?

Saint Patrick was taken to Ireland by a group of pirates when he was 16 years old. He was made to work as an enslaved person.



Why Do People Celebrate St. Patrick's Day?

Patrick died on 17th March 461 after teaching people about Christianity for over 40 years.

Many people in Ireland have never forgotten how special Patrick was to their country and celebrate St. Patrick's Day every year on this day.



Did You Know...?

Saint Patrick used a plant with three leaves called a shamrock to teach people about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Some people believe that there are no snakes in Ireland because Saint Patrick sent them all away!

It is said that Saint Patrick would talk for so long that his walking stick would grow roots into the ground.

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Why Did Saint Patrick Go Back to Ireland?

Patrick became a Christian priest when he got home. He heard a voice a few years later telling him to go back to Ireland and help the Irish people.

He chose to go back to Ireland and teach people about Christianity. Patrick taught thousands of Irish people about Christianity and built lots of churches across the country.



Questions

1. On which date do people celebrate St. Patrick's Day? Tick one.

- ☐ 5th March
- ☐ 16th March
- ☐ 17th March
- ☐ 30th March

2. How old was Saint Patrick when he was taken to Ireland? Tick one.

- ☐ 14
- ☐ 16
- ☐ 18
- ☐ 20

3. What is a patron saint? Tick one.

- ☐ someone who is very special to Irish people
- ☐ a saint who looks after and guides a person or place
- ☐ a saint who has lived in Ireland
- ☐ someone who was taken by a group of pirates

4. What was the name of the plant that Saint Patrick used to teach people about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit? Tick one.

- ☐ roots
- ☐ thorns
- ☐ Irish leaves
- ☐ shamrock

5. Fill in the missing words.

One night, he heard a _____ telling him that he would be able to go home soon because a _____ was waiting for him.

6. How long did Patrick spend walking through the forest?

7. Why do you think that Patrick felt unwell when he was in the forest?
