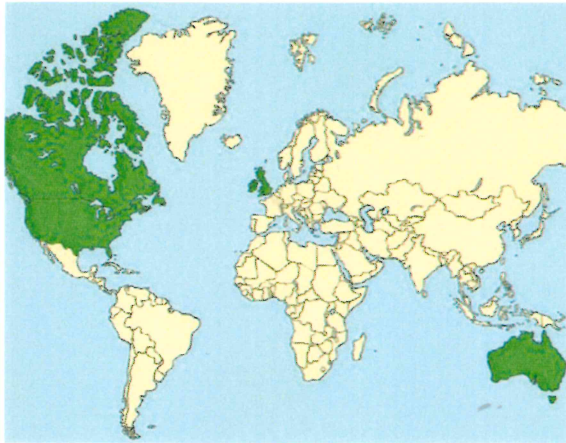


All About St. Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He was a Christian priest and later, a Bishop. It is said that he performed a thousand miracles before he became a saint. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on the 17th March every year.



Which countries celebrate St. Patrick's Day?

- Ireland
- Great Britain
- Canada
- Australia
- United States of America

How Is St. Patrick's Day Celebrated?

People celebrate St. Patrick's Day by having a party or a parade, wearing special clothes and eating party food. People decorate with and wear the colour green, which reminds them of Ireland and Saint Patrick. Green is one of the colours on the Irish flag. It also reminds them of the shamrock leaf which Saint Patrick is often associated with. Some people go to church on St. Patrick's Day.





Did you know?

In Chicago, USA, the Chicago River is dyed green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! The river is dyed with vegetable dye, so that it doesn't harm the wildlife. The colour is temporary and only lasts for five hours.



Key Words

- **Christian:** A person who follows the teachings of Jesus.
- **Miracle:** Something extraordinary, which can't be explained by science or nature.
- **Saint:** A good and holy person, who has dedicated their life to God.

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Questions

1. Who is Saint Patrick?

2. On what date is St. Patrick's Day celebrated?

3. Name three countries that celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

4. Why do people wear green on St. Patrick's Day?

5. What happens in Chicago on St. Patrick's Day?

6. Why is it important for the colour in the Chicago River to be temporary?

7. Using the internet or a non-fiction book, can you find one of the miracles which Saint Patrick performed?
