

## St Patrick's Day



Saint Patrick, who was born in fourteenth century, is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain, he was **kidnapped** and brought to Ireland as a **slave** at the age of 16. He later **escaped**, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people. In the centuries **following** Patrick's death, probably on 17 March 461, many legends grew up around Patrick and he became Ireland's foremost saint. Perhaps the most well-known legend is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish **clover**, the **shamrock**.

### Glossary

1. **kidnap** – porwać
2. **slave** – niewolnik
3. **escape** – uciec
4. **following** – następujący za
5. **clover** – koniczyna
6. **shamrock** – trójlistna koniczyna

### Quiz

1. St Patrick lived .....

- a) in the 5<sup>th</sup> century
- b) in the 6<sup>th</sup> century
- c) in the 7<sup>th</sup> century

2. St Patrick spent a long time in Ireland as .....

- a) a saint
- b) a priest
- c) a slave

3. St Patrick probably explained the Holy Trinity to the Irish using the three leaves of a .....

- a) rose
- b) shamrock
- c) daisy

Key: 1. a) 2. c) 3. b)