



# *Saint Patrick of Ireland*

*Feast Day:  
17 March*

Photo: Courtesy of St Patrick's Church Derry

# Early Childhood



*Christ be beside me*



- ❖ Born 386/7 AD
- ❖ Named Maewyn Succat
- ❖ Rich Roman family
- ❖ Captured at age of 16
- ❖ Seized by Irish raiders
- ❖ sold as a slave
- ❖ Lived on Hill of Slemish

# *Patrick on Slemish*



- ❖ Patrick was sold to Milchu
- ❖ He looked after pigs/sheep
- ❖ Patrick's life was hard
- ❖ He spent 6 years in captivity
- ❖ He prayed every night
- ❖ One night he heard God speaking to him
- ❖ God told him to escape

# *Called by God*



- ❖ He went home to Britain
- ❖ He heard God calling him again
- ❖ God asked him to go to Ireland
- ❖ Patrick went to France
- ❖ Ordained a deacon 418AD
- ❖ Consecrated Bishop 432 AD
- ❖ He set sail for Ireland
- ❖ Given name of Patricius

# *Patrick answered God Call*



- ❖ Patrick brought God to the Irish people
- ❖ Patrick could speak Irish
- ❖ He used the shamrock to explain the Trinity
- ❖ He is said to have banished the snakes from Ireland.

# Patrick's Work in Ireland



- ❖ He baptised and confirmed
- ❖ He acted fairly towards all
- ❖ He consecrated 350 Bishops
- ❖ He wrote– *Confession and Letter to Coroticus*
- ❖ He died on the 17th of March 461 in Sabhall (Saul) in County Down.
- ❖ This is his grave in Downpatrick, County Down.

Around the world Irish people have  
*Parties* and attend *Parades*

# Happy St. Patrick's Day!

17<sup>th</sup> March

They say everyone in  
the world is Irish on St  
Patrick's Day!

