

**MARCH,
17TH**



**THE DAY
ST.
PATRICK
DIED.**

SLAVE FOR 6 YEARS



***WHEN HE WAS 16 YEARS HE
WAS CAPTURED BY IRISH
PIRATES. HE ESCAPED AFTER 6
YEARS BUT RETURNED TO
IRELAND TO BECOME A
CHRISTIAN PRIEST.***

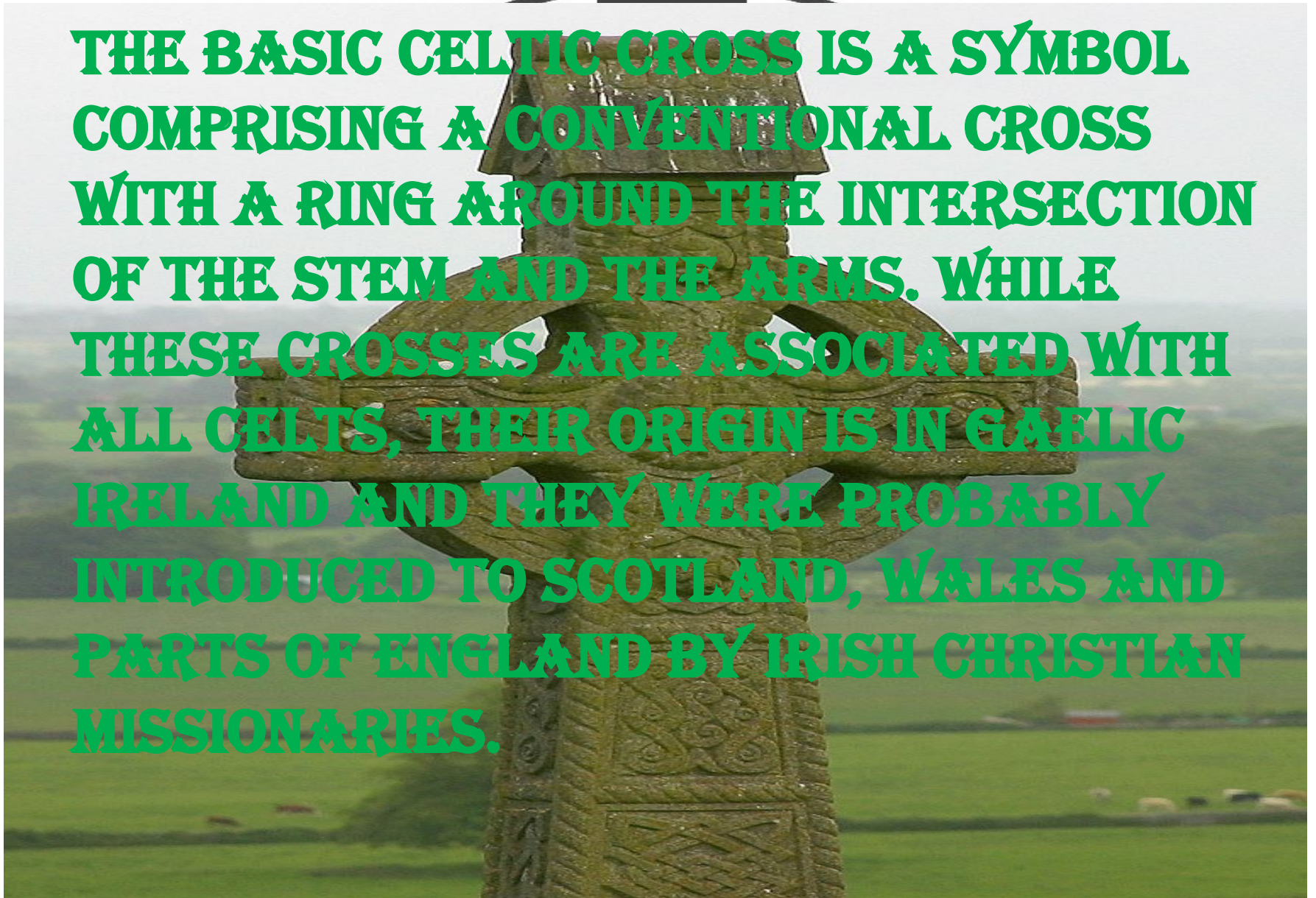
Shamrock



SAINT PATRICK USED THE SHAMROCK (OR 3-LEAFED CLOVER) TO EXPLAIN THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION TO THE IRISH. THIS SHAMROCK REPRESENTS "THE HOLY TRINITY". THAT IS: THE FATHER, THE SON AND THE HOLY GHOST OR HOLY SPIRIT.

IRISH CELTIC CROSS

THE BASIC CELTIC CROSS IS A SYMBOL COMPRISING A CONVENTIONAL CROSS WITH A RING AROUND THE INTERSECTION OF THE STEM AND THE ARMS. WHILE THESE CROSSES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH ALL CELTS, THEIR ORIGIN IS IN GAELIC IRELAND AND THEY WERE PROBABLY INTRODUCED TO SCOTLAND, WALES AND PARTS OF ENGLAND BY IRISH CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES.



ST. PATRICK & THE SNAKES

If you don't wear green you'll get pinched
It's not clear what sense that makes
Because St. Patrick's Day is really about
Clearing the land of snakes

Long ago, the legends tell us
Ireland was a snaky land
The people lived in fear of them
Till St. Patrick gave a command

He sent the snakes away
And now people celebrate
A holy man in their history
Who helped make Ireland great



Irish Music





LEPRECHAUNS

THEY ARE SOLITARY CREATURES WHO SPEND THEIR TIME MAKING AND MENDING SHOES AND HAVE A HIDDEN POT OF GOLD AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW. IF CAPTURED BY A HUMAN, THE LEPRECHAUN HAS THE MAGICAL POWER TO GRANT THREE WISHES IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR FREEDOM.



ST PATRICK'S DAY TRADITIONAL FOODS

**CORNERD BEEF AND
CABBAGE. FESTIVE
DESSERTS. IRISH STEW
AND SOUR BREAD.**



PARADES







***SAINT
PATRICK***

***END OF THE
4TH CENTURY***

***SAINT PATRICK TRADITIONALLY
WEARS GREEN THE NATIONAL
COLOR OF IRELAND.***

THE CHICAGO RIVER

