



People
celebrate Saint
Patrick's Day on
March 17.

Leprechauns are
tricky, silly little
Irish fairies.



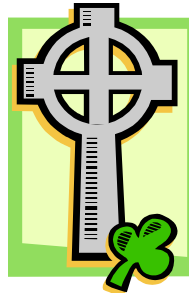
St. Patrick lived
in Ireland
hundreds of
years ago.



According to
the Guinness
Book of World
Records, the
highest number
of leaves found
on a clover is 14!

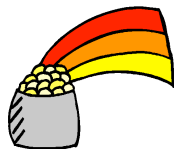


St. Patrick told
stories about
shamrocks.



St. Patrick used the three
leaves of a shamrock to
explain the Christian holy
trinity: **the Father, the Son,**
and **the Holy Spirit.**

People wear green on St.
Patrick's Day to remind
them of the green hills of
Ireland.



The Irish flag colors mean:

green = people of the
south

orange = the people of
the north

white = the peace that
brings them together as
a nation



 <p>In Ireland on St. Patrick's Day, people traditionally wear a small bunch of shamrocks on their jackets or caps.</p>	<p><i>Children in Ireland wear orange, white and green badges on St. Patrick's Day.</i></p> 
<p>There are about 10,000 regular three-leaf clovers for every lucky four-leaf clover.</p> 	<p>IRELAND IS ALSO KNOWN AS "THE EMERALD ISLE."</p> 
<p>The name "lephrechaun" could be from the Irish Gaelic word "<i>leipreachan</i>," which means "a kind of aqueous sprite" or it could be from "<i>leath bhrogan</i>," which means "shoemaker."</p> 	 <p>Boston, Massachusetts has had a St. Patrick's Day parade for over 275 years!</p>
 <p>Legend says that each leaf of the clover means:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. hope2. faith3. love4. luck.	<p>In Chicago on St. Patrick's Day, the Chicago River is dyed green with a special dye that only lasts a few hours!</p> 

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