

Saint Patrick's Day was made an official feast day in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century, and has gradually become a secular celebration of Irish culture in general.











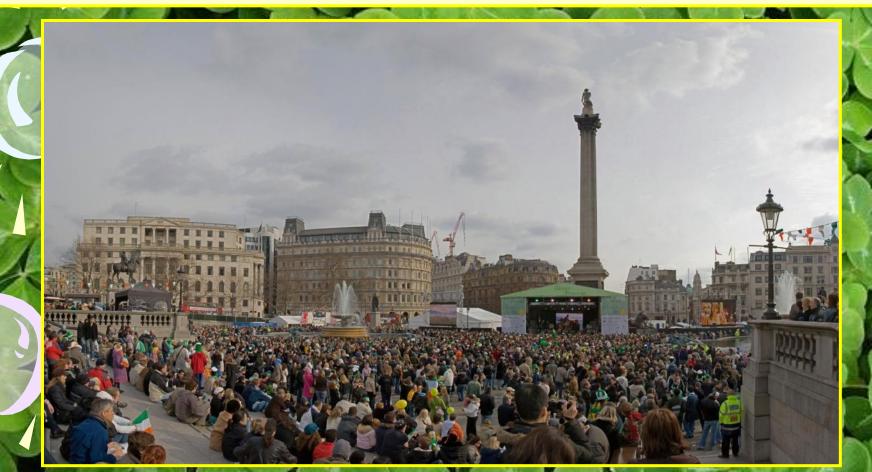






### **Great Britain**

In Great Britain, Queen Mother used to present bowls of shamrock flown over from Ireland to members of the Irish Guards. The Irish Guards still wear shamrock on this day, flown in from Ireland.



# Canada

The longest-running Saint Patrick's Day parade in North America occurs each year in Montreal, the flag of which has a shamrock in one of its corners. The parades have been held in continuity since 1824.



**Argentina** In Argentina all-night long parties are celebrated in designated streets. People dance and drink only beer throughout the night, until seven or eight in the morning. Many people wear something green

### **New Zealand and Australia**



Saint Patrick's Day is widely celebrated in these countries green items of clothing are traditionally worn and the streets are often filled with revellers drinking and making merry from early afternoon until late at night.

## **The United States**



In every year March has been proclaimed Irish-American Heritage Month by the US Congress or President due to the date of St. Patrick's Day.



St. Patrick's Day church services are followed by parades and parties, Irish music, songs, and dances.



It is one of the leading days for consumption of alcohol in the United States, as individuals are allowed to break their Lenten sacrifices for the day in order to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day.



Many people choose to wear green coloured clothing and items. Traditionally, those who are caught not wearing green are pinched affectionately.





#### Resources

http://www.slideshare.net/indezine\_powerpoint/st-patricks-day-256214 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apple\_Day

#### Image resources

http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/8/86/Saint Patrick %28window%29.jpg

http://www.catholiclibrary.ie/images/small\_patrick.jpg

http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/0/0c/Irish\_clover.jpg

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