Introduction :

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First Ireland was a Celtic population. Around the 3rd cent BC, Celts arrived from Europe with their own language an religion, they were paganists.

Ireland was Christianised by saint Patrick in the 5th century.

Saint Patrick and a The shamrock (or three-leaf clover)

Development

Saint Patrick was born in Roman Britain. When he was 14 he was kidnaped by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland as a slave to tend sheep. The Irish were pagans and during six years, he turned to god and prayed and finally managed to return home. He studied religion. He came back to Ireland when he was older he started to convert many peoples and to build churches across the country. He died in 461.

The three-leaf clover is a traditional symbol of the Holy Trinity used by Saint Patrick to explain the symbols to pagans. The Irish used a four-leaf clover as a symbol of luck for the Irish but it was not historical.

Development:

[www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\_id=89](http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=89)

In 1534 the English people invade Ireland for plantations and fertal land. Henry the VIII declared him self king of Ireland. Thousands of English and Scottish settlers arrived and soon began/begun oppositions between Protestants and Catholics.

The English invasion which led in 1937 to a separation between the protestant and catholic in Ireland (the Northern Ireland) and the catholic Ireland (the Southern Ireland). The 17th century was bloody. In 1778 Catholics held only 5% of the land in Ireland.

In 19th century Protestants went to Ulster in the north of Ireland the majority of people were protestant they favored the union with England to separate northern Ireland and Ulster.

After a war of independent against English Forces, Ireland became independent in 1922.