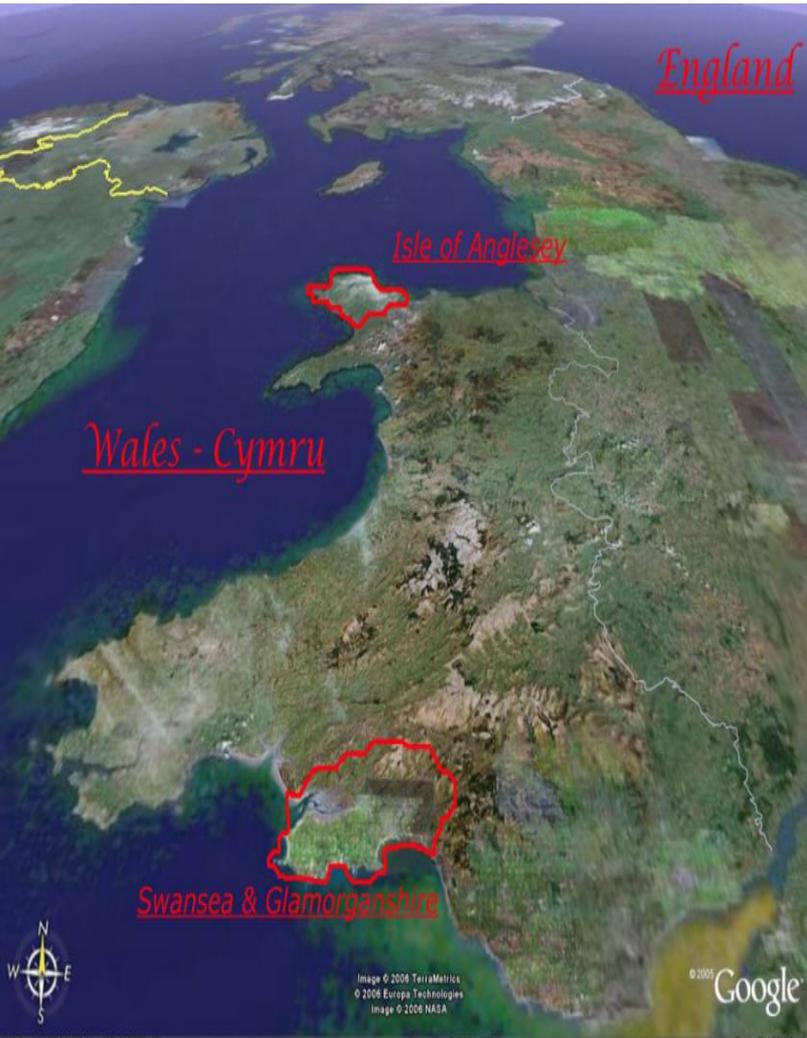


# ST.PATRICK- OUR PATRON SAINT

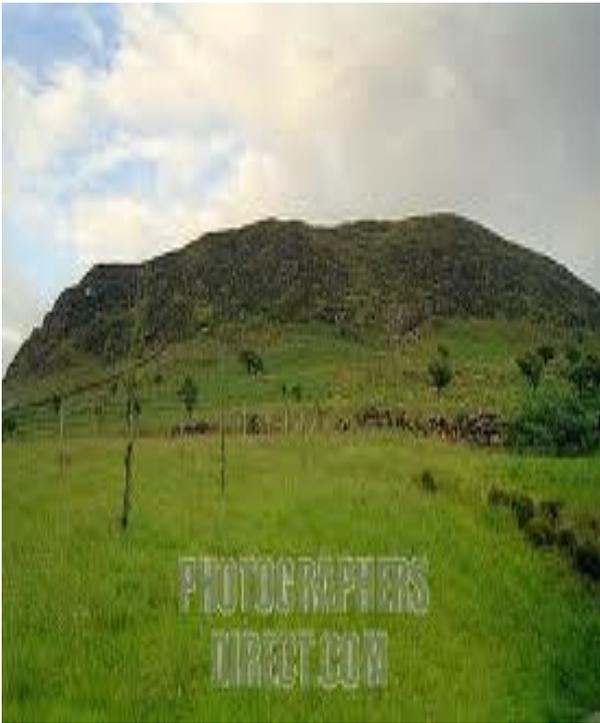
PAULINE O'SHEA

# When he was young

- St. Patrick was born in Wales in 387. His family were Romans. He lived in a villa in the country. He was captured and taken to Ireland where he was sold as a slave to a farmer who lived in Antrim.

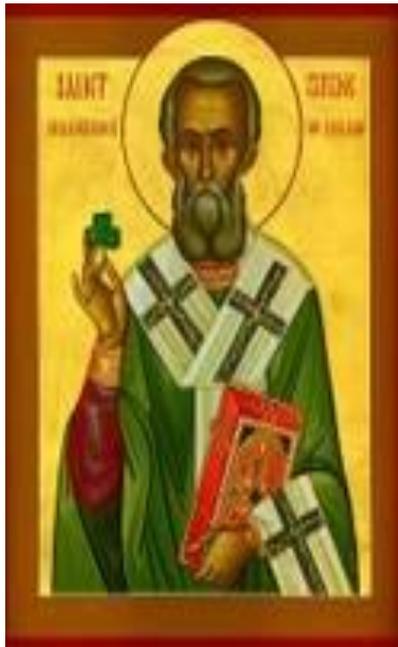


## His escape



- The farmer's name was Milchu. Patrick minded sheep on a hill. He wasn't looked after very well.. He prayed every night. Then one night he heard a voice. It was God. He was telling him he had to escape. He thought he was dreaming but God told him he wasn't.

## Back home



- He escaped and eventually got back to Wales. He wasn't there long when again he heard the voice telling him to go back to Ireland to tell the Irish pagans all about Jesus. He realised then that he wanted to become a priest. It wasn't easy. He went to St. Martins Monastery in Tours, France to train. Then he went back to England.

# Preaching in Ireland



- When Patrick returned to Ireland to preach, the people were astonished that he could speak their language. He used the shamrock to explain the Blessed Trinity- God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. He is also said to have banished the snakes from Ireland.

## Later life



- He spent sixty years in Ireland. During that time he consecrated 350 Bishops to follow his ways. He died on the 17th of March 493 in Sabhall in County Down.
- This is his grave in Downpatrick, also in county Down.

# St. Patrick's Day



- We celebrate St. Patrick's day on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March. Everywhere in the world where there are Irish people it is a big feast day. People have parades and parties and all remember St. Patrick and the country from which they come - Ireland.