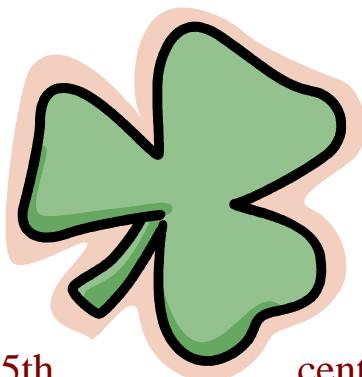


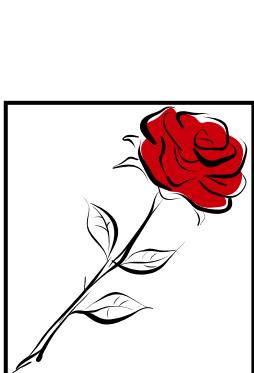
Read about the patron saints of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. Sum up the information in the table.



5th century and his work was a vital factor in the spread of Christian influence there. His symbols are snakes and shamrocks. His feast-day is on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March. This church festival is regarded as a national day in Ireland. Shamrock was used by St. Patrick to illustrate the doctrine of Trinity. It is adopted as the national emblem of Ireland.

## ST. PATRICK

St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. It is believed that he was enslaved by Irish pirates who raided his home, probably in South Wales. He managed to escape from the pirates and began to be trained as a priest for priesthood, but he never completed his training. Still he was determined to return to Ireland and to evangelize its people. He is said to have landed again in Ireland in the



St. George is the patron saint of England. He was martyred at Lydda in Palestine: he was shod in red-hot shoes, broken on a spiked wheel and immersed in quicklime. The legend of his having slain a dragon was very popular: he rescued a king's daughter from becoming the dragon's tribute and so managed to convert her people. Richard I (the Lionheart) was said to have had a vision of him and was able to restore the saint's tomb at Lydda. Saint George was proclaimed chief patron of England when English soldiers under Henry V won the battle of Agincourt. His feast-day is on the 23d of April. On this day some patriotic Englishmen wear a rose pinned to their jackets.

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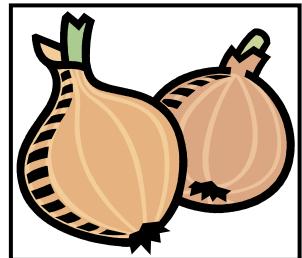
St. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland. He was a New Testament apostle who was martyred on an X-shaped cross (St. Andrew's Cross). He was said to have given the Pictish army a vision of this cross at the battle of Athenstoneford between King Angus of the Picts and King Athelstan of the Angles. St. Andrew was foisted upon Scotland as its patron when the old Celtic and Culdee centres were superseded by the new bishopric of St. Andrew's. His feast-day is on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November. On this day some Scotsmen wear a thistle in the buttonhole.

## ST. ANDREW

# ST. DAVID



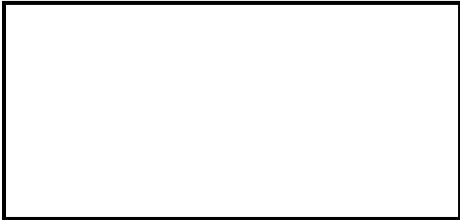
St. David is the patron saint of Wales. According to the legend he was the son of a Prince of Cardiganshire and uncle of King Arthur. He was a Christian abbot and bishop and founded twelve monasteries from Croyland to Pembrokeshire. In these monasteries the regime



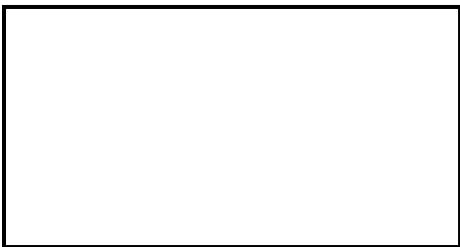
was very austere. He was nicknamed 'Aquaticus' after his habit of drinking only water. His feast-day is on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. This day is regarded as the national holiday of Wales (although it is not an official bank holiday). On this day many Welshmen wear either a daffodil or a leek pinned to their jackets. These plants are traditionally regarded as national emblems of Wales.

Country	Patron saint	Religious story	Feast-Day	Tradition
England	St. George	He was martyred at Lydda in Palestine by being shod in red-hot shoes, broken on a spiked wheel and immersed in quicklime. He was proclaimed chief patron of England when English soldiers won a victory over French soldiers at Agincourt (1415).	23 April	On this day some patriotic Englishmen wear a rose pinned to their jackets
Ireland (Eire)				
Scotland				
Wales				

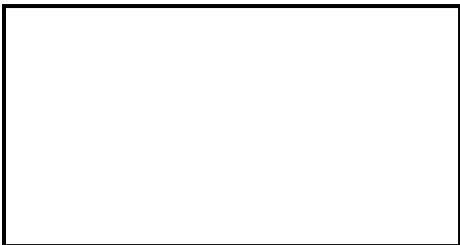
**Read about the national flags of Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and England. Draw their sketches and colour them.**



St. Andrew's cross is the national flag of Scotland. It consists of two diagonal white stripes crossing on a blue background. The flag forms part of the British national flag (Union Jack).



St. Patrick's cross is the national flag of Northern Ireland. It consists of two diagonal red stripes crossing on a white background. It is part of the Union Jack.



The national flag of the Republic of Ireland consists of three vertical stripes of green, white and orange. St. Patrick's cross was the national flag of Ireland before the establishment of the Irish Republic.



St. George's cross is the national flag of England. It consists of a red cross on a white background. The flag is part of the Union Jack.

**Unite the parts of the flags and draw the national flag of Great Britain, the Union Jack.**

