



St. Patrick's Day

Facts, Myths and Events

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It is known that St. Patrick was born in Britain to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. He is believed to have died on March 17, around 460 A.D. At the age of 16, Patrick was taken prisoner by a

group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity. During this time, he worked as a shepherd, outdoors and away from people. Lonely and afraid, he turned to his religion for solace,

becoming a devout Christian. St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is one of Christianity's most widely known figures. The three leaf, not four, shamrock was his way to share the Trinity. St. Patrick's Day is a holiday known for parades, shamrocks and all things Irish in America and many other countries as well, but in Ireland, the Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon is considered a religious day. There will be many events here in Tualatin during March. Here's a summary of what Sam Keator, President of the All-Ireland Cultural Society of Oregon and owner of S and A Irish Entertainment, will be hosting for the whole community, young or old, Irish or not.



MARCH 1ST
1st Friday Irish Ceili Dance
 Grange 8340 SW Seneca St, Tualatin. 8-11p with Joe Root, Bob Soper and Preston Howard www.IrishPDX.com

MARCH 8TH
Concert & Dance
 VFW Post, 630 Hood St. NE, Salem. 7-11 with Story Road www.ceiliofthevalley.org

MARCH 9TH
2nd Saturday Community Concert
 Grange 8340 SW Seneca St, Tualatin. 7:30-10pm with Johnny B. Connolly, Dale Russ and Cary Novotny www.IrishPDX.com

MARCH 10TH
2nd Sunday - Irish Session
 Grange 8340 SW Seneca St, Tualatin. 3-6pm www.winonagrang271.org

MARCH 13TH
Irish Night - Tigard Library
 13500 SW Hall, Tigard. 6-8:30pm with Bob Soper, Elizabeth Nicholson and Tim Birr www.tigard-or.gov/library

MARCH 16TH
Irish Day Performance, Music and Dance
 Beaverton Farmers Market SW Hall between 3rd and 5th. 10a-1pm with An Daire Irish Dance Troupe, Mikey Beglan, Tim Birr, Forest Grove Dance Arts www.beavertonfarmersmarket.com

MARCH 17TH
St. Patrick's Day Festival
 Ambridge Event Center 376 NE Clackamas, Portland. 12 - 8pm with An Daire Irish dancers, Molly Malone Irish dancers, TVF&R Pipes and Drums, Mikey Beglan and the Cavan Ceili Band, Peter Yeates, Tir Eoghains www.oregonirishclub.org

MARCH 20TH
3rd Wednesday Lunch Concert
 Tualatin Heritage Center 8700 SW Sweek Dr, Tualatin. 12:15-1:15 with Eddie Parente www.IrishPDX.com