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A SERC Student Company



Impressions of Ireland is a South Eastern Regional College Student Company, based in County Down, Northern Ireland, where Saint Patrick is buried. The company is made up of Art and Design Students across a range of courses.

The members of the company take great pride in the fact that all of their products are designed and made in Ireland.

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## Impressions taken from the top of Saint Patrick's grave



### The letter P

An impression taken from the initial letter of Patrick's name, taken from the top of his grave in the grounds of Down Cathedral in Downpatrick.



### Irish Candle

Hand made candles in the shape of St. Patrick and Celtic Cross. The candles are impressed with a Celtic design and are available in a variety of colours.

### Saint Patrick's Cross

The cross from the centre of Patrick's tomb stone. These plaques are fired to a very high temperature, making them frost-proof and suitable for outdoor or indoor use.



### Flower Brooches made from Irish Linen

Brooches made from Irish Linen, sourced in Lisburn, the home of the Irish linen industry and made locally.



### Ichthus

Early Christian symbol bordered with a Celtic twist. Inscription John 3:16 is one of the fundamental Christian verses as taught by St. Patrick " For God so loved the world, he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him will not perish, but have ever lasting life."



## Pendants



Sea Glass pendants.

Glass pendants made from sea glass collected from the beaches on the County Down Coast.



Ceramic pendants incised with Irish symbols



## Saint Brigid's Cross



Making a Saint Brigid's cross is a traditional Ritual in Ireland, celebrating early spring on 1st February.

Saint Brigid and her cross are linked by the story that she wove the cross at the death bed of her father, who upon hearing what the cross meant, asked to be baptised.



These crosses are traditionally hung above a door to protect the home and family from fire and evil.



'Sláinte' is the Irish for 'Cheers' or 'Good Health'.  
'Fáilte' is the Irish for 'Welcome'

## Celtic Cross



There are many legends about the origins of the Celtic cross. It is said that it was introduced by Saint Patrick during his time

converting the pagan Irish. He combined the symbol of Christianity with the pagan sun cross. It is also claimed that Patrick drew a Latin cross on a sacred standing stone marked with a circle symbolising the moon goddess. The earliest known Celtic crosses date back to the 7th Century.



## Fridge Magnets

A triple spiral is sometimes thought to represent the triple goddess of the three ages of womanhood. It is also thought to represent the Holy Trinity.



The logo of Friends of Saint Patrick,



The Claddagh is symbolic of love (heart), friendship (hands) and loyalty (crown).



A heart shaped Celtic knot, made in porcelain. The reverse side is embossed with Irish lace.

