

NOVEMBER

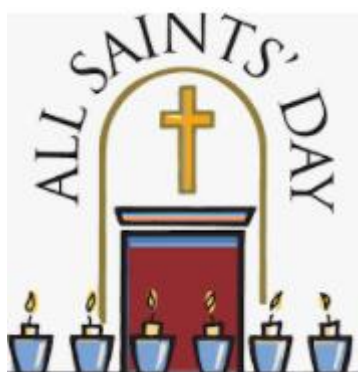
Every November, we remember all our dead.....those members of our families, friends and neighbours who have already gone home to God.

There are lessons commemorating our dead in each of the of the books as follows:

GIL Teachers' Manual: Junior Infants: p. 233, Senior Infants: p. 261,

First Class: p. 282 Second Class; p.283 Third Class: p. 341

Fourth Class; p.407 Fifth Class: p. 389 Sixth Class: p. 457



1st November: Feast of All Saints

Ideal opportunity to learn about the school's or parish's patron saint.

2nd November: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) ---- see Prayer Service attached.

➤ *Grow in Love* J. Inf p.233, S. Inf p.261, 1st Class p.282, 2nd Class p. 283, 3rd Class p. 341, 4th Class p. 407, 5th Class p.389, 6^h Class 457

6th November: Saints of Ireland

- St Patrick, St Brigid, St Colmcille, St. Jarlath, St Fionnbar, St Brendan, St Kieran, St Kevin, St Lawrence O'Toole, St. Oliver Plunkett, St. Colman, and local saints.



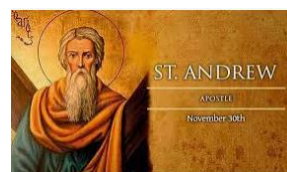
- 14th November - St Lawrence O' Toole, Patron Saint of Dublin

21st November – Feast of Christ the King (last Sunday of the Church's Year)



- 28th November – First Sunday in Advent (first Sunday of a New Church Year)

- 30th November – St. Andrew, the Apostles, Patron Saint of Scotland.



- *Grow in Love* 1st Class p.57, 2nd Class p.33

Prayers e.g. Prayer for the Dead, Litany of Saints, Prayer to Saints

Prayer Service for All Souls
Day, November 2nd



Teacher: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed is more commonly called All Souls' Day

and is celebrated on November 2nd each year. Our Church has a great tradition of honouring and respecting the memory of the faithful departed. In this class Prayer Service, the children are invited to remember family members, neighbours and friends, who have died. You can use it anytime during the month of November.

➤ You will need:

* **Remembrance Tree:** A bare branch of a tree, secured in a pot of sand or soil. One paper leaf for each for each person. (A sample page is attached). These should be completed in class before this prayer service begins and then placed on the tree.

* A hole-punch and some string to attach the prayer leaves to the branch.

* Seven children to read.



➤ **Sacred Space:**

Violet cloth, Bible Open at Thessalonians 4:13-18*

Candle

Crucifix

Opening Song: Chose a song from the lessons listed on Page One above.

Teacher: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

All: Amen

Teacher: Let us begin with our Morning Prayer

All: Father in Heaven, you love me, you are with me night and day, I want to love you always, In all I do and say. I'll try to please you Father, Bless me through this day. Amen

Teacher: We gather together this day to remember all those we knew and loved who have died. Earlier, we took time to write their names on prayer leaves, and these now hang on our Remembrance Tree. We invite each child to place their leaves on the tree, representing all our prayers for those who have died.

(You may like these children to come forward all together or to call them one-by-one. You might like to play some reflective music as they do so.)



Reader 1: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18

We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for all those who love Jesus. When they die, God will bring them with him. When we die, we will meet the Lord in heaven, and stay with Him forever. The Word of the Lord.

Response: All: Thanks be to God.

Teacher: Together, let us pray for those who have died. The response to each prayer is **“May the light of Christ shine on them.**

Reader 2: For all grandparents who have died-----Response

Reader 3: For all parents who have died-----Response

Reader 4: For all past teachers of this school who have died-----Response

Reader 5: For all past priests of this parish who have died-----Response

Reader 6: For those who have died and have no-one to pray for them-----Response

Reader 7: For those whose names are hanging on our Remembrance Tree-----Response

Teacher: We know that Jesus prayed constantly to his father in heaven. He asked us to pray to God, the Father. too. And so, as Jesus asked us, we dare to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, etc.

Teacher: Loving God, We thank you for the lives of our loved ones who have died. We ask you to care for those who are missing them at this time. May we always remember your promise that, one day, we will all be together in heaven. We make this prayer, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All: Amen

Teacher: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Closing Song: Chose a song from the lessons listed on Page One above.



