

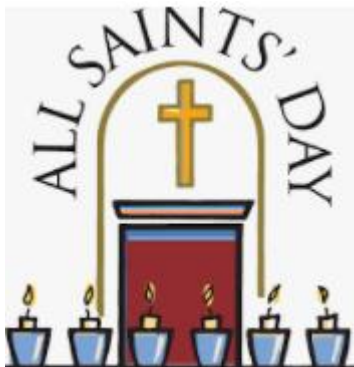
# NOVEMBER 2023



*Each 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 books as follows: See **SEASON LESSONS** at the end of the books.

***GIL Teachers' Manual: Junior Infants: p. 233, Senior Infants: p. 261, First Class: p. 282  
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- **1<sup>st</sup> November: Feast of All Saints**  
*Ideal opportunity to learn about the school's or parish's patron saint.*
- **2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Class p.282, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class p. 283, 3<sup>rd</sup> Class p. 341, 4<sup>th</sup> Class p. 407, 5<sup>th</sup> Class p.389, 6<sup>th</sup> Class 457*

- **6<sup>th</sup> 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.

- **11<sup>th</sup> November** : *St. Martin of Tours*
- **14<sup>th</sup> November** - *St Laurence O' Toole, Patron Saint of Dublin*
- **26<sup>th</sup> November** – *Feast of Christ the King (last Sunday of the Church's Year)*
- **30<sup>th</sup> November** – *St. Andrew, the Apostles, Patron Saint of Scotland.*

- *Grow in Love 1<sup>st</sup> Class p.57, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class p.33*

**Prayers** e.g. Prayer for the Dead, (May their soul and the souls of ...), We Hold then close, (see Prayer Service), Prayers to various Saints



Saint Jarlath in stained glass, Kilbennan

## *Prayer Service for Primary Schools in November*

**Teacher:** We remember our loved ones who have died in a special way during the month of November 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 person. 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 in your class Grow in Love books

**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**

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:** We hold them close within our hearts and there they shall remain,

To walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again.

So, rest in peace dear loved ones and thanks for all ye've done,

We pray that God has given ye, the crown ye have truly won.

**(It might be a good idea to say this prayer part of the class morning prayers).**

**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 in your class Grow In Love/I nGD books