

## All Saints Day

The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.. Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints --that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church. All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints.

The choice of the day may have been intended to co-opt the pagan holiday "Feast of the Lamures," a day which pagans used to placate the restless spirits of the dead. The holy day was eventually established on November 1 by Pope Gregory III in the mid-eighth century as a day dedicated to the saints and their relics. The May 13 celebration was subsequently abandoned. In Ireland, the Church celebrated All Saints' Day on April 20, to avoid associating the day with the traditional harvest festivals and pagan feasts associated with Samhain, celebrated at the same time.

The Catholic practice however, celebrates all those who have entered heaven, including saints who are recognized by the Church and those who are not. Holy day customs vary around the world. In countries, such as Portugal, Spain and Mexico, traditional practices include performance of the play, "Don Juan Tenorio" and offerings made to the dead. All Saints' Say occurs on the same day as the Mexican "Dide los Inocentes" a day dedicated to deceased children.

Across much of Europe, the day is commemorated with offerings of flowers left on the graves of the dead. In Eastern Europe, candles are lit on graves instead of offerings of flowers. In some places, such as the Philippines, graves can be painted and repaired by family members. Many of these practices blur the distinction between All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. *(Catholic online)*



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## **SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS**

**31ST OCTOBER 2021**

### **PSALM RESPONSE**

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you who labour  
and are overburdened,  
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.  
Alleluia!

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called children of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted  
for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.



Ordinary (B1)	Psalter week 3	Intention/Info
<b>Sunday 30th/31st All Saints</b>	<b>Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH</b>	Donald Hale Gemma Wright People of the Parish
Monday 1st		
Tuesday 2nd All Souls	<b>10am Mass OH</b>	All Holy Souls
Wednesday 3rd	<b>10am Mass BH</b>	Lily Petford
Thursday 4th St Charles Borromeo		
Friday 5th	<b>11am Mass KF</b>	
Saturday 6th		
<b>Sunday 6th/7th 32nd Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH</b>	Donald Fernandez All who have died in the Pandemic People of the Parish

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially Jessie Shaw, Lily Petford, those on our October and November deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they all rest in peace.

Collections

**BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group** Mon 8th November 2pm to 4pm in Parish Centre  
**OLD HILL FOODSHARE** Tuesday mornings  
**KINGSWINFORD: Friday 9.30 - 11.30am Foodbank .**

Please pray for all those who are sick including Pauline Bant, Jeanette Amphlett, Dorothy West, Margaret Gilroy, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Barbara Masterman, Margaret Shipley, Tess Barnsley, Steve Dunn, Lynsey Cooper, Alec Huffer, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris and Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob and Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Anne Peters, Jackie Spittle, David Barnsley and Dawn Russon. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

**FOODBANKS - If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations. The need is growing so donations are much needed and gratefully received.**

## **SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Parish debt (OH and BH only), next week for Johnson Fund at all Churches**

**ALL SOULS DAY** Please note there is Mass at OH on this day at 10am if you wish to gain a plenary indulgence.

**IMPORTANT KF - Volunteers needed for your parish!** Still no one has come forward to take on the roles currently vacant. We are legally obliged to have a health and safety rep in place at least - please consider how much you value your Parish.

**KF General Church cleaning** - Tuesday 2nd Nov at 9.30am. Any help greatly appreciated. Please contact Sylvia Roden on 280434 for more information.

**Christmas fayre OH Saturday 4th December** this will be the first one in two years and donations for the various stalls will be very much appreciated. Any donations from our sister Churches can be left in the Sacristy and Stephanie will make sure they get to Old Hill.

**Christmas Raffle** - BH will be having a Christmas raffle to raise much needed funds for work on the convent. First prize is a luxury hamper, second prize £50 cash and then other prizes too. We are very grateful to the donors of these prizes and tickets will be available from November onwards.

### **Beware of spam emails!**

The Archdiocese has been made aware of spam emails coming from fraudulent impersonated Gmail accounts pretending to be from parish priests. These emails often include 'parishpastor' and the name of parish priests but they are not being sent from priests' email accounts. Proactive action has been taken by the Diocesan IT team to block such emails but they can still be generated elsewhere and infiltrate email accounts. Diocesan clergy and staff should now be using email accounts that end in **@rcaob.org.uk** Please be vigilant. If you are in any doubt about an email please contact your parish priest / parish office and check.

### **Pope's prayer intention for October:**

*We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witness to a life that has the flavour of the Gospel. Amen.*

### **Pope's prayer intention for November:**

*We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.. Amen.*