

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' Day occurs on the same day as the Mexican "Díe de 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

1ST NOVEMBER 2020

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!

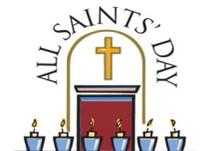
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Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

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.

"Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God." *(Roman Missal)*



Ordinary (A2)	Psalter week 3	Intention/Info
Sunday 31st/1st Solemnity of All Saints	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	Margaret, Tommy, Sharon Caffrey People of the Parish Pauline Morrow
Monday 2nd All Souls	10am Mass KF	Dec'd of the Parish
Tuesday 3rd	10am Mass OH 10.30am -11am 7.30pm KF	Holy Souls Adoration Novena
Wednesday 4th St Charles Borromeo	10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am	Mabel and Francis Clarence Adoration
Thursday 5th	7.30pm Mass (OH)	Joseph Dao
Friday 6th	10.30am KF 11am Mass KF	Adoration Fr Stephen
Saturday 7th		
Sunday 7th/8th 32nd Sunday of the year Remembrance Day	Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH	Dec'd Fernandez Family Dec'd Clarence /Saunders families People of the Parish

Please pray for those who have died recently, those on our November deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. We remember all those who have died during this month. May they all rest in peace.

Please pray for all those who are sick including Francis Chin, Jess Shaw, Eva McCall, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Catherine Greenaway, Barbara Masterman, Margaret Shipley, Tess Barnsley, Steve Dunn, Lynsey Cooper, Alec Huffer, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris Rylands, Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob Bryan, Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Lily Petford, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Michael Rose, Anne Peters, Francis Theseira, Jackie Spittle, Barry Simner, David Barnsley and Dawn Russon. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

Collections will be reported as monies are banked and not necessarily weekly: BH: GA £283.00, Loose £237.87, Peter's Pence £16.17, Fr Hudson's £41.41 KF : GA £45.00, Loose £76.34, World Mission £38.08 OH GA £.

FOODBANKS - both our foodbanks have now reopened to help those in need. If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations - the need is growing and donations are much needed at this difficult time for so many people.

All Souls Day

"On All Saints day we rejoice with all those in Heaven. On All Souls Day f the Church prays for all those who, in the purification of purgatory, await the day when they will join the company of the Saints. We help the departed through offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for them and prayers and suffrages". (Ordo)

There will be **Mass in Kingswinford on Monday morning at 10am**. A plenary indulgence can be obtained on this day by attending a Church and praying the Our Father and either the Nicene or Apostles' Creed.

Sr Dominica - After seven years with us, Sr Dominica is returning to Nigeria on the 23rd of November for good. She will take up a position looking after the Novices of their order. Sr Edith will take over her pastoral duties and hopefully a third Sister will join Sr Edith and Sr Geraldine at the Convent. Please pray for her and give thanks for the time she has been with us. We are blessed and grateful to have enjoyed her presence over the years and we wish her well.

Collections Please make sure any envelopes are firmly sealed before being placed in the bag or basket at each Church. Unless you are counting the money please do not be helpful and open any envelopes just place them unopened in the safe. The counters have reported envelopes being opened before the money is counted. Thank you

Flat available - The flat over the shops in Brierley Hill will be available from December 2020 fro rent. If you know anyone who is interested please contact the office or let Fr Shanju know. Thank you

St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP):- The St. Mary's, Brierley Hill, SVP Conference has continued operating during these difficult past months. We have kept in regular contact, mainly by telephone, with all the people whom we would normally visit in person, as well as responding to other requests for help.

If anyone would like to be contacted for a chat or other support, or knows of anyone, Catholic or non-Catholic, who may need help, please get in touch. Please note that all our work is carried out on a strictly confidential basis. Contact John Barley Tel 07801 630261, email johnbarley13@btinternet.com or Aidan Tompkins Tel 01384 440370, email aidanjtompkins@gmail.com

Cleaner in need of work - There is a reliable lady urgently in need of work as a cleaner. If you now anyone who needs a cleaner please let us know.