



"Love does not come to an end" (1 Cor. 13 8)

November is a time when we especially remember those we love who have gone to their eternal reward. Love does not end with death – neither their love for us, nor our love for them, and above all God's love for us all.

The Church wisely has the Feast of All Saints (November 1st) followed by All Souls Day (November 2nd)

- 1st Nov. – when we pray for the dead and thank God that they are now with him in Heaven. *"Be not afflicted – in Heaven I think of you, I love you and, as in life, I am still with you"* (St. Bonaventure).
- 2nd Nov. – when we pray for the dead who still need the encouragement and support of our prayers as they continue their journey towards the Lord.

This is what we mean by the Communion of Saints.

Perhaps this November you might talk to those you loved in this life and whom you still love and who still love you from their heavenly home. Remember *"the souls of the just are in the hands of God"* (Wisdom). They were reflections of God's love for you in this life. They still love you and you still love them. Talking to them is prayer! **"Love does not come to an end"** (St Paul)

Some suggestions for November:

- Visit the graves of your loved ones - pray to them and for them.
- Come to Mass for them. St Monica as she was dying said to her sons: *"Lay this body wherever it may be - this I only ask of you that you should remember me at the Altar of the Lord"*.
- Pray for those who have no one to remember them.
- Visit a Church on November 1st / 2nd.
- November is also a time to remind ourselves that we are merely passing through this time to the love that has no end: God.
- November Altar List of the Dead (*Envelopes and Forms are available in the Gathering Area*)
- Remember your deceased loved ones through the seasons of their lives with our Circle of Life. Write the names of your loved ones on the ribbons provided and weave them into the Circle of Life in their memory.



Mass for those who died during the Year Next Sunday 5th November at 10.30 a.m.

Many of them were your friends and neighbours.

It would be nice to support their families.

Please also join them in the Parish Centre after Mass for a cup of tea and a chat.

MASS TIMES	St. Gabriel's	St. John's	St. Anthony's
Sat	6.00 pm	Sat 6.00 pm	Sat 5.30 pm (Family)
Sun	10.30 am	Sun 10.00 am (Family)	Sun 10.00 am
	6.00 pm (Youth Mass)	12.00 noon	11.30 am