



November a month of prayerful intentions and remembrance.

Tuesday 5th November 2024

Dear parents / carers,

I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you about our November Catholic Social Teachings and intentions. In the Catholic Church, **November** is called 'Allhallowstide' or 'Allsaintstide' and is dedicated to praying for the dead. Many of you may be aware that All Saints' Day was celebrated during half-term this year on November 1st to remember all saints and martyrs during Christian history. It is followed by All Souls' Day on November 2nd to commemorate those who have passed within the faith, known as 'the faithful departed'. During November we also pray for those who have died in wars on Remembrance Day and we will be commemorating all of our reflections and prayers in **a Remembrance Service in school on Monday 11th November at 10:45am**. Parents and parishioners are as always welcome to attend.

These Feast days marks 'Solemnity', which means a celebration of great importance. Relationships don't end when those we love die, the Bible reminds us that 'It is holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead.' (2 Maccabees 12:46). We can pray for those who have died and thank God for them.

To mark this month of prayerful intentions and remembrance for **all** people whose souls have departed and who were are dear to us, we would like to invite you to express your love for them on the heart template provided. You could dedicate your heart to one person adding a photo or list departed loved ones, decorate the heart and then bring this in to the school office where we can all hang and place our departed loved ones intentions together on one community prayer remem-branch. This offering is an expression of our eternal love, to let perpetual light shine upon them and to grant them peace. They will also be blessed by Father Clement during our school **Remembrance Service**. Through this we ask God to keep them safely in heaven to be with God and the Saints forever.

Please ensure all hearts are placed on our community remem-branch before Monday 11th November. In the meantime if you have any questions please feel free to ask.

With kindest regards and blessings,

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A Prayer for Our Faithful Departed

**A prayer for
All Souls' Day**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let the perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.
Amen.

