

November is a special month. We celebrate two special feast days at the start of the month.

The 1st of November is the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people just like us who have died and are now with God in heaven. They lived good lives. They cared for others. They prayed and tried to make the world a better place. You will know the names of some saints like St. Patrick and St. Brigid already. We go to Mass on this day and remember that all these holy people are happy with God.

The **2nd of November** is the Feast of All Souls and on this day, we remember family and friends who have returned home to heaven. It is a time to remember those we love that have died; it may be a member of our family, a friend or even a pet. It can be very hard for us when someone we love dies. We might feel confused, sad, lonely or angry sometimes. We miss our loved ones. We remember the happy times we spent together. You might like to draw a picture or write a prayer for someone you would like to remember during this special month. In school you might have a remembrance tree or book or box. Jesus promises that all who believe in him will return home to him in heaven when they die. Those we love who have died are now in heaven with Jesus and we can pray for them and to them.

In many parishes there will be a Novena for the Holy Souls. Novena comes from the Latin word 'novem' meaning nine. A novena is an ancient tradition of devotional prayers. Some people will go to mass every day for the nine days. You can make a list of people that you would like everyone to pray for during the novena.

Take care,



NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER

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