



Crucis



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Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.

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Galatians 6:14

Message from Fr Michael Turner

November is a season of remembering, most notably in the commemorations of Remembrance Sunday and of Armistice Day, as we honour the dead of two World Wars and subsequent conflicts.

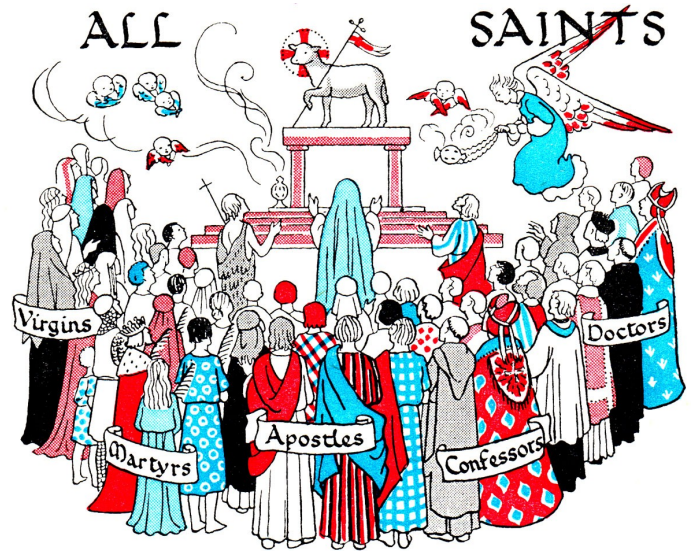
As well as those who gave their lives in armed conflicts, November gives us the opportunity to remember all who have gone before us, those whom we love but see no longer. The first two days of the month are All Saints Day and All Souls Day. November 1st was also called All Hallows Day when the great figures of the church were celebrated but in more recent years it has been overshadowed in our culture by All Hallows Even, known of course by its popular name Hallowe'en. November 2nd was given the alternative name 'The Commemoration of the Faithful departed'.

While Hallowe'en is everywhere, for me it is the season of remembering what it is to be human and what our relationships mean to us.

The covenant signified by our war memorials is to never forget those whose names appear there and each November to bring them to mind and to acknowledge their sacrifice in defending our country and preserving our freedom. To forget them is to forget what they did, but to remember allows us to move on.

For us, we never forget family members or friends or significant people in our lives who have died; for us their influence is always there in the way we lead our lives and enabled us to be people that we are. We miss them in the here and now, and the loss of their influence in the present day.

For all of us remembering is done in different ways, but All Saints and All Souls are a more formal time in the life of the church to remember, where names are read out and candles are lit. It is an acknowledgement of a personal or individual



loss, but also of family and friends united in remembering at the same time. All Souls is, too, an acknowledgement of our ability in our own grief to stand together with others who have lost someone dear to them – a quiet moment to know others who travel a similar path.

As we remember, so the church gently speaks of hope, of a message of new life shown in the resurrection of Christ and that in remembering, we hear of the promise of eternal life and the idea of the cloud of witnesses, that great assembly of those who have died, which is both mind blowing and at the same time reassuring.

To remember is to look back, to take a moment in the present, and to journey into the future.

Fr Michael

Prayer for All Saints Day

O Almighty God, who hast called us to faith in thee, and hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses: Grant that we, encouraged by the good examples of thy Saints, may persevere in running the race that is set before us, until at length through thy mercy we, with them, attain to thine eternal joy; through him who is the author and finisher of our faith, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

American Prayer Book

Services in November

Sun 1	All Saints	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 4	All Souls (tr)	Lay-led 10.00 a.m.
Sun 8	Trinity XXIII Remembrance Sunday	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 11	St Martin of Tours	Lay-led 10.00 a.m.
Sun 15	Trinity XXIV	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 18	Margaret of Scotland (tr)	Lay-led 10.00 a.m.
Sun 22	Christ the King	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 25	St Cecilia (tr)	Lay-led 10.00 a.m.
Sun 29	Advent Sunday	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.

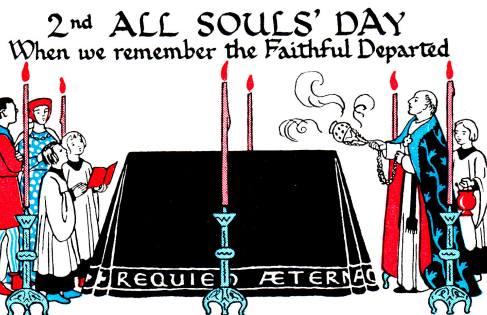
Saints' & Special Days in November

All Saints (1 November)

Celebrating the feast of All Saints began in the fourth century. At first, it was observed on the day after the feast of Pentecost, the foundation of the Church, commemorating those – many of them unnumbered and unknown – who had given their lives as witnesses to the Faith. In the eighth century, a chapel was dedicated to All Saints in Rome on this day, and, within a century, 1 November had become when this festival was generally celebrated.

All Souls (2 November)

The Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission explains today's commemoration like this: 'The believer's pilgrimage of faith is lived out with the mutual support of all the people of God. In Christ all the faithful, both living and departed, are bound together in a communion of prayer.'



St Martin of Tours, Bishop (11 November)

Born in about the year 316 in Pannonia (modern-day Hungary), St Martin was a soldier in the Roman army and a Christian. He found the two roles conflicted and so left the army to devote himself fully to Christ. Under the influence of St Hilary,

S. MARTIN
giving half his cloak
to a beggar



Bishop of Poitiers, he founded a monastery in that diocese in the year 360, the first such foundation in Gaul. The religious house was a centre for missionary work in the local countryside, setting a new example where, previously, all Christian activity had been centred in cities and undertaken from the cathedral there. In 372, St Martin was elected Bishop of Tours by popular acclaim and he continued his monastic life as a bishop, remaining in that ministry until his death on this day in the year 397.

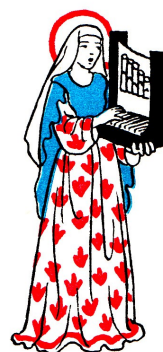
St Margaret of Scotland, Queen (16 November)

Born in the year 1046, St Margaret was the daughter of the Anglo-Saxon royal house of England but educated in Hungary, where her family lived in exile during the reign of the Danish kings in England. After the Norman invasion in 1066, when her royal person was still a threat to the new regime, she was welcomed in the royal court of Malcolm III of Scotland and soon afterwards married him in 1069. Theirs was a happy and fruitful union and Margaret proved to be both a civilising and a holy presence. She instituted many church reforms and founded many monasteries, churches and pilgrim hostels. She was a woman of prayer as well as good works who seemed to influence for good all with whom she came into contact. She died on this day in the year 1093.

St Cecilia, Martyr (22 November)

St Cecilia was one of the most revered martyrs of the Roman Church, but the only thing known for certain is that, at some point in the 2nd or 3rd century, when Christians were being persecuted, a woman called Cecilia bravely allowed the Church to meet in her house in Trastevere in the city. The church erected on that site bore her name. She is said to have been martyred on this day in about the year 230. She is honoured as the patron saint of musicians.

S. CECILIA
Patroness of music



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