

November 2024

### Feasts and Important Dates

Date	Feast/Liturgical Occasion	Gospel for Sunday
1 November	All Saints, Day of Obligation	
2 November	All Souls – The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed	
3 November	31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mark 12:28-34
4 November	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop	
5 November	St Martin de Porres	
6 November	All the Saints of Ireland	
9 November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	
10 November	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mark 12:38-44
11 November	St Martin de Tours, Bishop	
14 November	St Laurence O’Toole	
17 November	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mark 13:24-32
21 November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
22 November	St Cecilia	
23 November	St Columban, Abbot and Missionary	
24 November	Feast of Christ the King	John 18:33-37
30 November	St Andrew, Apostle	

#### 1 November: All Saints

**All Saints' Day** celebrates all the Christian saints. Saints are holy people who are very close to God. When we think of the saints in heaven, we think of saints who are special to us. Many people are named after special saints.

#### 2 November: All Souls

**All Souls' Day** is a day that falls on 2 November to commemorate and pray for the souls of baptized Christians who have died. It is also called “The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed” or the “Feast of All Souls”.

Throughout the month of November and on the feast of All Souls (2 November), we remember family and friends who have returned home to heaven. We also remember those who have no one to pray for them.

We pray that God will give eternal rest to all those who have died.

**Let us pray:**

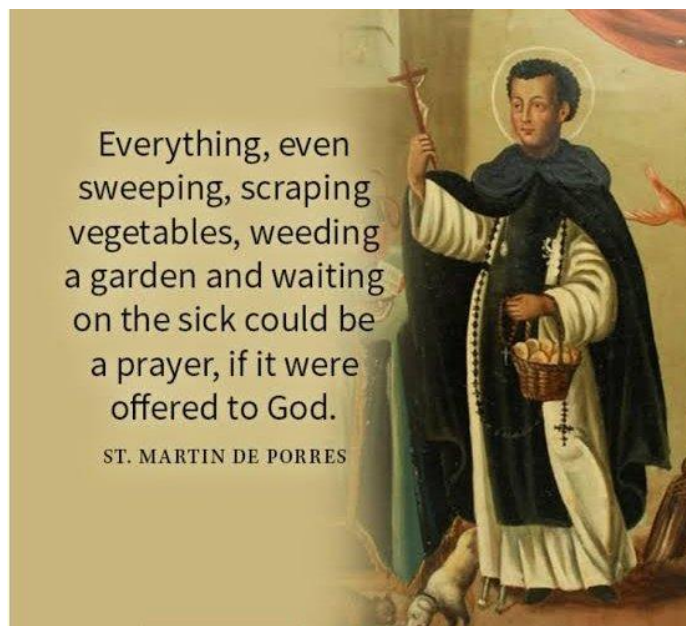
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

**5 November: Saint Martin de Porres**



What was Martin de Porres life like?

St. Martin de Porres had great compassion for all people, regardless of their race or status, and his loving care extended to animals, including stray cats and dogs, beasts of the field, and even kitchen vermin. In addition to his untiring work looking after the sick, Martín distributed food and alms to the poor and needy in Lima.



## 14 November: Saint Laurence O'Toole



### **Saint Laurence O'Toole - Patron Saint of Dublin**

St Laurence O'Toole was born in Castledermot, Co. Kildare in 1128.

He became Abbot of Glendalough in 1153 and

Archbishop of Dublin in 1162.

He died in Eu in Normandy on the 14th of November 1180 and was canonised in 1225.

**Laurence was a man of prayer.**

**He rose early in the morning to pray the office (Morning Prayer) with the other monks and often stayed on afterwards, deep in prayer.**

**Let us pray:**

***May we be inspired to spend more time in prayer.***



## **21 November: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Mary was offered to God in the Temple when she was three years old. The feast highlights the holiness of Mary from the beginning of her life on earth that continued through her early childhood and beyond.



Before Mary's birth, her parents, Joachim and Anne, received a heavenly message that they would have a child.

In thanksgiving for God's gift of Mary's birth, they brought her to the Temple to present their only daughter to the Lord.

The feast commemorates the faith of Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, and the saintliness of Mary herself.

Let us pray:

*Mary, pray for us.*

*St. Joachim and St. Anne, pray for us.*

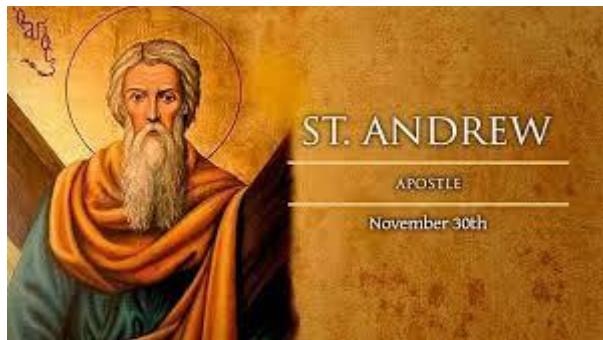
## **24 November: Christ the King**

Let us pray:

*Jesus, today we crown you King and ask you to be Lord of our life. Amen.*



## **30 November: Saint Andrew, Apostle**



Andrew was a fisherman who met Jesus in a village named Capernaum.  
He was the first to be called by Jesus to be his disciple.  
His brother was Saint Peter who was also a fisherman.  
Saint Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland and of Russia.

**Let us pray:**

*St. Andrew, inspire more people to answer God's call to follow Jesus as you did.*