

November Feasts and Important Dates

Date	Feast/Liturgical Occasion	Gospel for Sunday
1 November	All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation	
2 November	All Souls	
3 November	St Malachy, Bishop	
4 November	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop	
5 November	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Matthew 23:1-12
6 November	All the Saints of Ireland	
9 November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	
10 November	St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	
11 November	St Martin de Tours, Bishop	
12 November	32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Matthew 25:1-13
14 November	St Laurence O'Toole	
17 November	St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious	
19 November	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Matthew 25:14-30
21 November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
22 November	St Cecilia	
23 November	St Columbanus, Abbot and Missionary	
26 November	Feast of Christ the King	Matthew 25:31-46
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".

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.

14 November: Saint Laurence O'Toole



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.

26 November: Christ the King

Let us pray:

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



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.

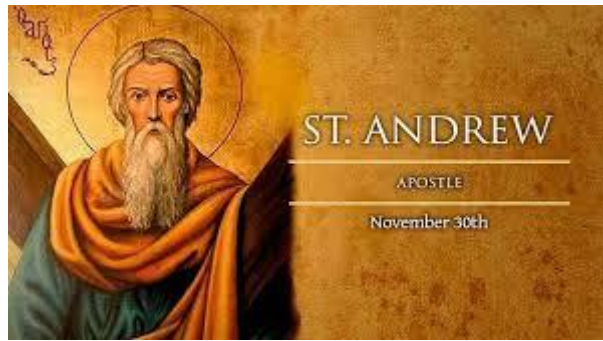
The feast commemorates the faith of Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, and the saintliness of Mary herself.

Let us pray:

Mary, pray for us.

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

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.