

ALL SAINTS DAY



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, we pray in thanks for all the Saints, particularly those who spoke out for love of you.

We pray for those who fought for good and for justice.

We pray that we may lead saintly lives, and follow their example.
Amen.

St Bernadette... Pray for us.

St Catherine of Siena... Pray for us.

St Francis of Assisi... Pray for us.

St John Bosco... Pray for us.

St Margaret Clitherow... Pray for us.

St Vincent de Paul... Pray for us.

All Holy Men and Women... Pray for us.



WORD OF THE WEEK

MATTHEW 5: 1-12

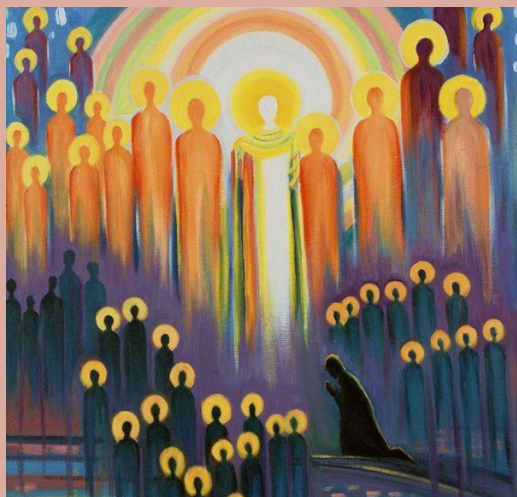
Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."



"We are called to be the Saints of the 21st Century."

Pope St John Paul II





WHAT IS A SAINT?

What do you think of when you think of a Saint?

Someone dressed in a robe or a priest or a nun?

Someone super holy?

Well a saint is just someone who lived life with God and lived especially close to Him. Saints are all different people who lived different lives, and worked different jobs.

Some had families, some were single, some were priests and nuns.

Saints are people who now live with God in heaven. Some saints (but not all) are recognised by the Church in a special way. These are people the Church officially recognises as people who lived their lives to a certain level of holiness and this has been proven by the Vatican.

"The saints are friends with whom we can grow in friendship. We all need friends who can help us deal with life. This is the trust which enlivens us when we turn to the saints in the decisive moments of our lives." Pope Francis



LIVING OUT THE BEATITUDES

In this week's Word of the Week we hear from Jesus how people become saints. By living out the beatitudes which we hear a list of in our reading we too can become the saints of the 21st century.

Read this week's Word of the Week again and think about ways in which the beatitudes are lived out in our modern world.



HILLSONG- BEATITUDES

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WHAT IS ALL SAINTS DAY?

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HOW DOES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH DECLARE OFFICIAL SAINTS?

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FUTURE SAINT PROFILE

In your form folders on **Thursday and Friday** you will find blank future saints profiles.

Make sure you all have one each and complete the profile about you, with your name, where you were born and your date of birth.

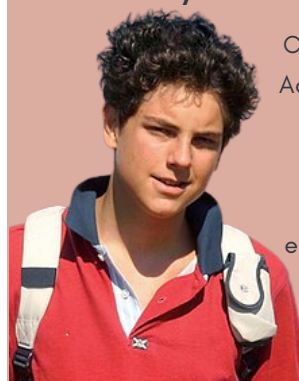
Then also think about what you would be well known for as a saint, what are your gifts and talents? Then think about what you do and have done for others? Is there something you do regularly to help others? Has there been a situation when you have gone above and beyond to help others?

Finally think about how others would know you are "holy". Think about what holy means, holy means that you help others, and love God. Being holy doesn't just mean praying everyday, or going to Church. Think about how others would see your goodness, your holiness.

As Pope St John Paul II said we are the saints of the 21st century and we shouldn't be afraid to aim for sainthood and we shouldn't think that it is beyond our reach, it isn't!

THE SAINT THAT IS JUST ME...?

Saints were people just like us. They felt hungry, tired, angry, and disappointed sometimes, just as we do. But the saints did difficult things even when they didn't want to because they loved God. Think of one thing you will do today because you love God and others. In a moment of silence, in your heart, promise God that you will do it even if it is hard.



Check out Blessed Carlo Acutis' story and see how the first 21st century saint lived a pretty normal life but in an extraordinary way which led him to heaven.

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