

ALL SAINTS DAY

OR ALL HALLOWS 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

1 JOHN 3: 1-3

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

This week's Word of the Week, which is the second reading we will hear during our All saints Day Mass, reminds us that we are Children of God and, because of this, we are all called to become saints.

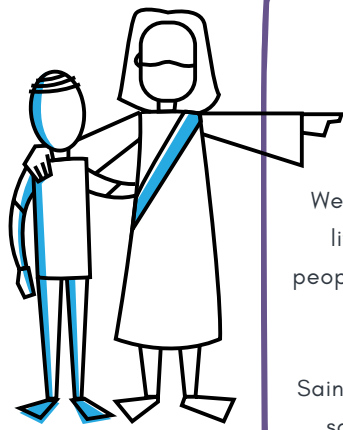
Pope Benedict said when addressing millions of young people in Germany: "Dare to be glowing saints, in whose eyes and hearts the love of Christ beams and who brings light to the world, I am confident that you and many other young people are lamps of hope that do not remain hidden. You are the light of the world."

As a Child of God how are you going to live out this call to be a "glowing saint" and a light to others?

"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 saints 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



Listen to *The saint that is just me* by Danielle Rose. [CLICK HERE!](#)

Listen to *Who You Say I Am* by Yancy [CLICK HERE!](#)

Find out how the Catholic Church goes about declaring people saints. [CLICK HERE](#)

WE NEED SAINTS!

WE NEED SAINTS-WITHOUT CASSOCKS. WITHOUT VEILS

WE NEED SAINTS-WITH JEANS AND TRAINERS

WE NEED SAINTS- THAT GO TO THE MOVIES. THAT LISTEN TO MUSIC. THAT HANG OUT WITH THEIR FRIENDS.

WE NEED SAINTS!

What would you add to this reflection above, what qualities do you think a modern day saint should have that would inspire you aim for sainthood too?

Has this made you rethink what it takes to be a saint?

Reading this do you think that sainthood could be something you could aim for in your life?

If you were to become a saint what would you become the patron saint of?

Ordinary people can be Saints if we allow God to use us and shine His light, His love, His way of life through us.



PATRON SAINTS

This week look up the Saint which celebrates their feast day on your birthday. If there isn't one maybe choose the saint that has the same name as you or find out the feast day of the patron saint of something you like, eg animals or music, or something really usual.

Find out a little bit about them and say a prayer to them asking them to pray for you, to guide you and inspire you to holiness in your life.



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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