Collective Worship - November 2026

November is traditionally a month for remembering all those we love who have died. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints and All Souls Day, when we remember and pray with the Communion of Saints - all holy men and women of faith who have gone before us. Nationally, on Remembrance Sunday, we remember those who have died in wars around the world.

Throughout the month, children will be encouraged to pray for those who have died, reflect on the example of the saints and think about how they can follow Jesus in their daily lives. Then, as November draws to a close, so does the Church's liturgical year with the feast of Christ the King, the season of Advent begins and children start to prepare for the birth of Jesus.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout November, and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.

ALL HOLY MEN AND WOMEN

In the week beginning 2 November, children will explore the Solemnity of All Saints and learn more about the Communion of Saints. Through a saints quiz, they will think about some of the holy men and women who loved God through their words, choices and actions, and who can inspire children to follow Jesus in their own lives.

Children will hear Jesus' teaching in the Beatitudes *(Matthew 5:1-12a)* and reflect on what it means to live a holy life. They will also learn about St Teresa of Kolkata, whose life of humility, love and service offers an example of putting faith into action.

With your child/ren, you may also like to…

- *Talk about a saint you know and what you admire about the way they lived.*
- *Read the Beatitudes together and choose one to think about more closely.*
- *Discuss simple ways of showing love and serving others in your everyday lives.*
- *Pray the Litany of Saints together, asking the saints to pray for you.*

WAITING WISELY

In the week beginning 9 November, children will hear Jesus' parable of the ten bridesmaids *(Matthew 25:1–13)* and think about what it means to be ready. The wise bridesmaids prepared well and kept their lamps filled with oil, while the others were not ready when the bridegroom arrived.

Children will reflect on how they can wait wisely by following Jesus each day. They will be encouraged to think, care, listen and prepare, and to make choices that help

them grow in friendship with God. The assembly also introduces St Monica, whose patient prayer for her son Augustine offers an example of faithful waiting.

With your child/ren, you may also like to…

- *Talk about a time when you had to wait for something important and what helped you to be patient.*
- *Discuss how prayer can help us while we are waiting.*
- *Think of one good choice you can make this week to help you follow Jesus faithfully.*

INTRODUCING THE ADVENT ASSEMBLIES

In the week beginning 30 November, children will begin the season of Advent and the Church's new year. They will learn that Advent is a time of preparation: getting ready to welcome Jesus at Christmas and to be ready for when He comes again.

Across this Advent assembly series, children will meet a different 'ordinary hero' who will help them think about how we should live while we wait for Jesus. In the first week, the Assembly, 'How Am I Faithful?' explores faithfulness through the story of a bus driver who notices opportunities to do the right thing. Children will reflect on how small acts of kindness, care and responsibility can help them to stay faithful and ready during Advent.

PRAYING FOR ALL SOULS

In the daily prayers for the week beginning 2 November, children will remember and pray for those who have died, as well as for family and friends who are mourning. Through silent prayer, they will be encouraged to rest in God's presence, remember loved ones and ask for comfort and peace.

You may like to use this prayer in your family prayer time:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.

Amen