

Remembering our Departed in November

Angels and saints of God, receive their souls and present them to God the most high

I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die

We remember and pray for our Faithful Departed in a special November Mass or Service of the Word. Respecting Public Health norms, the Service of Remembrance may be without a congregation or with very limited numbers and streamed online.

The Paschal Candle is burning and candles for all our parishioners who have died over the past year are lit. The names of our departed loved ones may be displayed and, depending on numbers, may be read at the beginning of the Service.

PRAYERS:

Select from the Missal (note pp 1297-1305) and the Order of Christian Funerals. Note OCF, pp 215-291 Public Prayers for the Faithful Departed.

*O Lord,
support us all the day long,
till the shades lengthen
and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then in your mercy may you give us a safe lodging,
and a holy rest and peace at the last.
Amen.*

READINGS:

Select from the Readings given in the Lectionary, vol. III, pp 849-890, with special note of the readings are often used at Funerals.

MUSIC:

Attend to the usual priorities like the Psalm and Acclamations. Select some of the hymns used at Funerals

Ag Críost an síol
Ag Críost an fómhar
In iothlainn Dé
Go dtugtar sinn.

Ag Críost an mhuir
Ag Críost an t-iasc,
I líonta Dé
Go gcastar sinn.

Ó fhás go haois,
Ó aois go bás,
Do dhá lámh, a Chríost,
Anall tharainn.

Ó bhás go críoch, #Ní críoch ach athfhás,
I bParthas na nGrás
Go rabhaimid.

INTERCESSIONS:

Select from the following:

With faith and the comfort of God's holy word, let us pray for all the faithful departed; that they may be found worthy of the promises of Christ.

That all, to whom the promise of eternal life was given at baptism, may be brought to the fulfilment of that promise in the company of the angels and saints.

Lord, hear us.

That our departed sisters and brothers in our families and in our parishes may be granted everlasting peace and rest.

Lord, hear us.

That those who have died through acts of violence and war may find a place of justice and peace in God's kingdom.

Lord, hear us.

That those who have died alone, unwanted and unmourned may be welcomed by the heavenly community.

Lord, hear us.

That all who have suffered the loss of loved one and for all who mourn, may be sustained by God's grace and receive the consolation of those who surround them

Lord, hear us.

That we may continue in a spirit of solidarity and courage to face together the dangers of these times and as we remember all who suffer through Covid-19.

Lord, hear us.

That all who have died in the past year, including all who died from Covid-19, may, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Lord, hear us.

That all in need may be graced with peace, justice and compassion; for all who bear the burden of poverty and homelessness, of loss of work, for the sick and all who are distressed in any way.

Lord, hear us.

Almighty and gracious God, our refuge and our strength, grant to all, living and dead, the fullness of your peace that you alone can give. Through Christ our Lord.

Lord God,
whose days are without end
and whose mercies beyond counting,
keep us mindful
that life is short and the hour of death unknown.
Let your Spirit guide our days on earth
in the ways of holiness and justice,
that we may serve you
in union with the whole Church,
sure in faith, strong in hope, perfect in love.
And when our earthly journey is ended,
lead us rejoicing into your kingdom,
where you live for ever and ever.
Amen.

May the prayers of Mary, the Mother of God, who stood by the cross as her Son was dying, help those who mourn and accompany all of us in our time of need.

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

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Suaimhneas síoraí tabhair dóibh, a Thiarna, agus go lonraí solas suthain orthu.