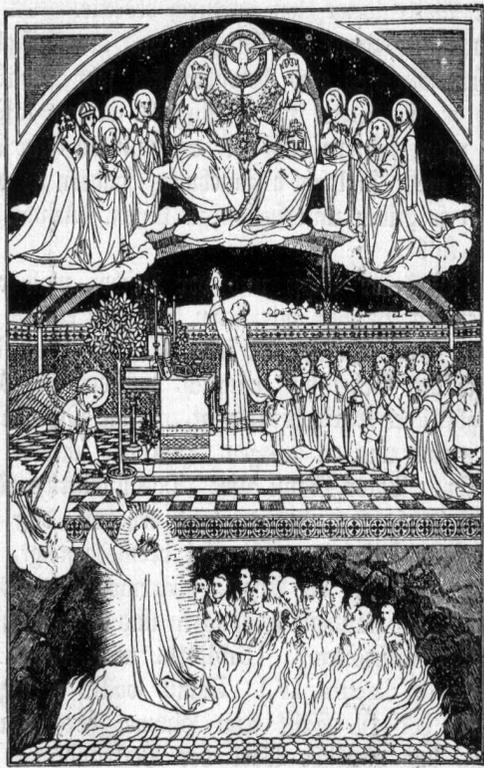


devils or demons of some shape or other??? Reclaim it as a Christian Feast! Make it Christian!! Make it a **Night of Light!**

All Souls' Day: The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed this year is on the Monday – the 2nd November 2020.

WE WILL VISIT ST PAULINUS' CEMETERY, CRAYFORD, AND BLESS THE GRAVES OF OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES THERE, AFTER THE 10:30AM HOLY MASS, AT 12NOON ON SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2020. GATHER, BUT DISTANCE SOCIALLY, AT THE LYCHGATE.

Please see the Newsletter for other Cemeteries.



THE HOLY MASS RELEASING HOLY SOULS FROM THE PURGATORY INTO HEAVEN

**** N. B.: PLEASE NOTE VERY WELL****

Because of the present Covid-19 Crisis the Holy Father: Pope Francis, has recently extended the period and conditions for obtaining an Indulgence, for oneself, or a Holy Soul in Purgatory:

- **The plenary indulgence for those who visit a cemetery and pray for the departed, which is normally applicable between 1 to 8 November, will now apply to the entire month of November and need not be on consecutive days.**

- **The plenary indulgence of All Souls' Day, 2 November, whereby the faithful may visit a church, chapel or oratory to pray the *Our Father* and the *Credo*, can be transferred not only to the preceding or successive Sunday, or, indeed, the solemnity of All Saints', but **may now also be gained on any other day within the month of November, too.****

- **Those faithful who are shielding, or for whatever genuine reason are unable to leave their homes, may also achieve the plenary indulgence by offering prayer for the departed and offering any hardships they may presently be enduring. The following provisions would also apply: viz.**

- **spiritually uniting themselves with all other faithful;**

- 1: detachment from sin; and, having the intention as soon as possible to meet the three usual conditions of**
- 2: sacramental Confession,**
- 3: Holy Communion and**
- 4: prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.**

ST MARY OF THE CRAYS NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT **1st November 2020**

Notes on Indulgences, All Hallows' Evening, the Holy Souls in Purgatory and November .

NOTES ON NOVEMBER:

1st NOVEMBER is the Solemnity of **ALL SAINTS** when we celebrate the feast of all the unknown saints who are now in heaven. The Church reminds us that sanctity is within everyone reach. Through the communion of saints, we help one another achieve sanctity.

2nd NOVEMBER is **ALL SOULS' DAY**. The Church after celebrating the feast of All Saints, then prays for all who, in the purifying suffering of Purgatory, await the day when they will join the company of the saints. The celebration of the Mass, which is the sacrifice of Calvary renewed on our altars, has always been the principal means for the Church to fulfil the great commandment of charity towards the dead. We can relieve their suffering through our prayers, suffrages and penances. We can gain indulgences for them.

Even after death, links with our fellow travellers and brothers and sisters are not broken.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY.

An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of >>>

satisfactions of Christ and the saints. **An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin. The faithful can gain indulgences for themselves or apply them to the dead.**

To understand this doctrine and practice of the Church, it is necessary to understand that sin has a double consequence. Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called the "eternal punishment" of sin. On the other hand every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the "temporal punishment" of sin. These two punishments must not be conceived of as a kind of vengeance inflicted by God from without, but as following from the very nature of sin.

(Catechism of the Catholic Church Nos: 1471-1472).

BLESSED ROSARIES
are SACRAMENTALS: carry one with you always. Rather than wear it as a necklace or bracelet: USE IT AND PRAY WITH IT FREQUENTLY, at least daily. Pray with others, and in Church, and it may gain you, or your loved ones in Purgatory, a PLENARY OR PARTIAL INDULGENCE.

To gain a plenary indulgence it is necessary to perform the work to which the indulgence is attached and to fulfil the following three conditions:

- 1). **Sacramental Confession,**
- 2). **Holy Communion,**
- 3). **Prayer for the intention of the Holy Father.**
- 4). **It is further required that all attachment to sin, even venial sin, be absent.** If this disposition is in any way less than perfect or if the prescribed three conditions are not fulfilled, the indulgence will be partial only.

The condition of praying for the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff is fully satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary; nevertheless, each one is free to recite any other prayer according to his/her piety and devotion.

A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who:

- 1) In the performance of their duties and in bearing the trials of life, raise their mind with humble confidence to God, adding even if only mentally – some pious invocation.
- 2). In a spirit of faith and mercy give of themselves or of their goods to serve their brothers/sisters in need.
- 3). In a spirit of penance voluntarily deprive themselves of what is licit and pleasing to them.

For Specific prayers and devotions:

THE MOST HOLY ROSARY:

A plenary indulgence may be gained, under the usual conditions for the recitation of the Rosary (five decades are sufficient), in a church or public oratory or in the family. If the Rosary is said privately a partial indulgence may be gained.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS: A plenary indulgence is attached to this devotion.

PRAYER BEFORE A CRUCIFIX: A plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions is attached to the recitation of this prayer on the Fridays in Lent and Passiontide. At other times a partial indulgence can be obtained."

(From: A Simple Prayer Book, pages 113-115, Catholic Truth Society, London 2005).

ABOUT HALLOWE'EN: ALL HALLOWS' EVEN: ALL SAINTS' EVE:

According to tradition, Halloween is the night when we pray:

***"From ghoulies and ghosties
and long-legged toasties
and things that go bump in the night....
GOOD LORD – DELIVER US!"***

and the restless spirits (ghosts) of the dead, who are not at peace, roam the land looking for a living body to inhabit. FAMILIES stayed IN DOORS and celebrated the CELTIC (PAGAN) NEW YEAR. The first Christians, for obvious reasons, made this into a celebration of all those who had "gone before us marked with the SIGN OF FAITH", the SIGN OF THE CROSS, THE KISS OF GOD! This is why especially we pray for the HOLY SOULS throughout the month of November and visit the graves of our dear departed ones.

ALL THE SAINTS are those members of our families and among our friends who have reach Eternal Life, Eternal Happiness and are now before the Face of the Living God, our Creator, Our Father.

They enjoy the Company of Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Saviour and Eldest Brother, The First Born from the Dead. They are completely filled and enfolded by the Holy Spirit who is Eternal Love, Loving.

In GOD, in the Most Holy Trinity, Who created Time and Space, time and space are of no importance and in a sense non-existent. GOD IS! In God we shall be in the EVER-PRESENT NOW! So our prayers today can help those we never knew in the past - our family ancestors even, and those we do not yet know of the future, those who will come after us - our descendants. St Therese of Lisieux said she wanted to spend her time in Heaven doing good on earth, I'm sure other saints and members of our families wish to do the same: busy praying for you and me right now!

However, not everyone may have yet reached such Eternal Happiness. Their Love might not yet be ready to be in the Face of the Living God. Perhaps they cannot yet bear to face God. There may be sins and failures to love that have been neglected or unconfessed while they were still on earth. **PURGATORY** is a place or time of final healing and purification of our love, preparing us to face God and to be with God, WHO IS LOVE. In purgatory we cannot help ourselves, others can pray for us, we can pray for others because

while we are here on the earth we can pray for those who are, or who may be, in Purgatory. We can have Holy Masses offered for our Dear Departed Ones on the earth: we can pray for those who are, or who may be, in Purgatory. We can offer the Most Holy Rosary and many other Prayers and Devotions for those Holy Souls. We can acquire for them:

INDULGENCES to help purify their love, to move them nearer to the Face and Loving Presence of God. You see we believe in **THREE ASPECTS OF THE CHURCH**, that is: **ALL THE BAPTISED:**

Triumphant, the Saints in glory;

Militant, that's the Saints living in this world, here and now, that's you and me! and,

Suffering, that's the Saints, people who have led good lives in this world, but didn't love God, and others, quite enough to go straight into the Loving Presence of our Maker.

We are all called to be *SAINTS*, BELOVED CHILDREN OF GOD, DAUGHTERS AND SONS OF GOD in whom GOD is WELL PLEASED, on whom GOD'S FAVOUR RESTS.

ALL HALLOWS: ALL SAINTS! CHRISTIANS are called to be different, to proclaim a truth about God's love for the world and to focus on the good rather than the bad or evil. So, it is good to party, it is good to celebrate Hallowe'en as a Christian Feast rather than a pagan one: Why not celebrate with an **HALLELUJAH PARTY** and have the children come dressed as their **NAME SAINTS** or as Angels, wear White and Bright joyful clothes, rather than witches, devils or demons of some shape or oth-