

Sunday 1st November 2020
All Saints



Gather Together...

Take time together as a family, find a quiet space, perhaps play some music, light a candle and sit comfortably.

Make the Sign of the Cross

Listen Together...

Listen to this week's scripture, from the Gospel according to Matthew...

Seeing Jesus on a hillside, a crowd of people soon gathered and Jesus began to speak to them:

'Happy are people who are forgiving, they shall know forgiveness.

Happy are the poor, for they will have riches in heaven.

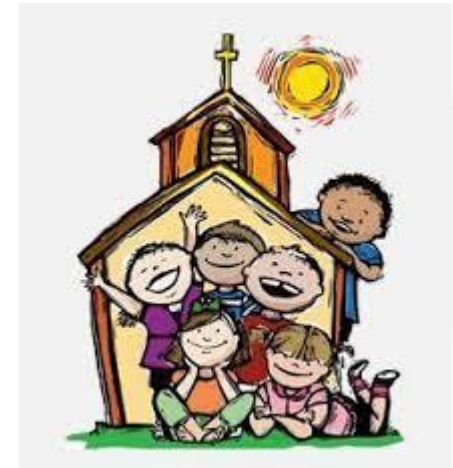
Happy are those who do what God wants, for he will answer their prayers.

Happy are the people who share their love and friendship because it will be returned.

Be happy if people are unkind to you because of me, for you will be rewarded in Heaven.'

Respond Together...

- Today is a special feast day – the Feast of All Saints.
- Do you know what a saint is? A saint is a person who has lived a life of outstanding goodness and who is already with God in Heaven.



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- Do you know the names of any saints? Many of us are named after saints. There will probably be lots of people in your family who share the same name as a saint.
- Some well known saints are St Francis of Assisi (who gave up everything he owned to live a life of poverty) and Saint Therese (who became a nun at a very young age and who lived a very simple life, giving all her small deeds as an act of love for God).
- Do you think ordinary people can become saints? Saint Paul wrote, 'I live an ordinary life and yet feel that I am not living it but that Jesus is living through me. I live by trusting in Jesus, the Son of God.' Saints are people who allow God's spirit to work through them and to fill them with love so that they can do ordinary things extraordinarily well.
- If you have time this week, do some research on Carlo Acutis and find out about his path to sainthood - a modern story of sainthood!

Pray Together... May the saints pray for us today. Give us warm and loving hearts, just like them, and help us to do what Jesus wants us to do. Amen.

