

Saint Joseph's, Saint Anne's & Holy Family and Saint Patrick's
1st Of November 2026, Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
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1st Reading	Malachi 1:14B-2:2B, 8-10
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 131:1, 2, 3
2nd Reading	1 Thessalonians 2:7B-9, 13
Alleluia	Matthew 23:9B, 10B
Gospel	Matthew 23:1-12

1st Reading – Malachi 1:14B-2:2B, 8-10

14B I am a great King, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the Gentiles.
1 And now, O priests, this command is to you.
2AB If you will refuse to listen, and if you will refuse to take it to heart, so as to give glory to my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send destitution upon you, and I will curse your blessings; yes, I will curse them.
8 But you have withdrawn from the way, and you have scandalized very many in the law. You have nullified the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts.
9 Because of this, I also have made you contemptible and debased to all the people, just as you have not served my ways, and you have accepted a face in the law.
10 Is there not one Father of us all? Did not one God create us? Why, then, does each one of us despise his brother, violating the covenant of our fathers?

Responsorial Psalm – Psalms 131:1, 2, 3

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1 O LORD, my heart is not proud, nor are my eyes haughty;
I busy not myself with great things, nor with things too sublime for me.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

2 Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted my soul like a weaned child.
Like a weaned child on its mother's lap, so is my soul within me.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

3 O Israel, hope in the LORD, both now and forever.

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2nd Reading – 1 Thessalonians 2:7B-9, 13

Brothers and sisters:
7B We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children.
8 With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us.
9 You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

13 And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

Alleluia – Matthew 23:9B, 10B

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
9B You have but one Father in heaven
10B and one master, the Christ.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Matthew 23:1-12

1 Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples,
2 saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses.
3 Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice.
4 They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them.
5 All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels.
6 They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues,
7 greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.'
8 As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers.
9 Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven.
10 Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ.
11 The greatest among you must be your servant.
12 Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Saint of The Day

All Saints Day (Solemnity of All Saints)	
 All Saints Day (Solemnity of All Saints) – Feast Day – November 1 2026	
Feast Day	November the 1st

All Saints Day History

Christians over time, especially in the 4th century, began to commemorate the martyrs who had died for their faith in Christ. Later on, in the 9th century, Churches in the British Isles slated this feast on November 1.
All Saints Day was started formally on May 13 in 609 AD, by Pope Boniface IV, when he consecrated the Pantheon, a former Roman temple in Rome, to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs.
However, because this day coincided with the Roman pagan festival of Lemuria, when the restless spirits of the dead were appeased, it was

necessary to change it. Around 731–741 AD, Pope Gregory III dedicated a chapel in Old St Peter's Basilica on November 1, in honor of the Holy Apostles and of all saints, martyrs, and confessors. Pope Gregory IV, therefore, fixed the date at November 1 and extended the celebration to the whole Church. In the Roman Catholic Church, the liturgical celebration starts on the evening of the 31st Of October which is the All-Saints' Eve (commonly referred to as All Hallows' Eve), and ends on The 1st Of November night. This is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, and Catholic faithful are obliged to attend Mass on that day, unless they are seriously impeded by serious reasons like illness. The following day, November 2, becomes All Souls Day when we commemorate the souls of all the faithful departed. The difference between All Saints Day and All Souls Day is that All Saints Day is for those who have attained heaven and All Souls Day is for those who have died but have not reached heaven yet. Day by day, the Church pays a special veneration to the Holy men and women who have helped to establish, develop, and maintain it through their blood, labours, prayers, and virtues. On top of those saints that the Church has honoured publicly by special designation and has included them in the General Roman Calendar, there are many more martyrs and pious faithful whose names are not recorded! There are many people who have died having reconciled with God through penance and also many young innocent children who died as infants. Their holiness is only known by God and recognized only in heaven. Now, we should not forget them because they still remember us in their intercessions. These people are still our ancestors, brothers, sisters, friends loved ones, and fellow Christians. We have lived together in daily companionship and are now one family united with eternal love in Christ. Commemorating the Solemnity of All Saints, therefore, reunites us with the communion of saints who then continue praying for us to God on a daily basis.

Halloween

In Old English, the word Hallow means Holy. This, therefore, means the evening before All Saints Day is called All Hallow's Eve or Halloween. Halloween has very strong religious roots but as time went by, it became diluted with secular practices and nowadays you cannot distinguish it from a secular ceremony. This has made people forget that the eve is a preparation for the main feast of All Saints Day. In the Western world, especially in the United States, Halloween is celebrated by dressing in scary costumes with themes of death. However, children clad in scary costumes go door-to-door soliciting candy from their neighbours (trick-or-treating).

Other Saints Of The Day

- Saint Nuño de Santa Maria Álvares Pereira
- Blessed Rupert Mayer
- Blessed Theodore George Romzha
- Blessed Ranieri Rasini
- Blessed Peter Paul Navarro
- Saint Mathurin
- Rachel the Matriarch
- Saint Caesarius of Africa
- Saint Austremonius
- Saint Valentin Faustino Berri Ochoa
- Saint Benignus of Dijon
- Saint Genesius of Lyon
- Saint Vigor of Bayeux
- Saint Jerome Hermosilla
- Saint Pere Josep Almató Ribera Auras
- Saint Marcel of Paris
- Blessed Dionysius Fugixima
- Deborah the Prophetess
- Saint Lucinus of Angers
- Saint Julian of Africa
- Saint Germanus of Montfort
- Blessed Petrus Onizuka Sadayu
- Saint Cadfan
- Saint Magnus of Milan
- Saint Salaun of Leseven
- Saint Floribert of Ghent

Blessed Clemens Kyuemon

Blessed Clemens Kyuemon was a layman born in 1574 in the archdiocese of Nagasaki, Japan. He was burned to death on The 1st Of November 1622 and died as a martyr in Shimabara, Nagasaki, Japan. He was beatified by Pope Blessed Pius IX on The 7th Of May 1867.

Saint Cledwyn of Wales
St Cledwyn of Wales was also known as Clydwyn of Wales. He was the eldest son of St Brychan of Brycheiniog, and ruler of part of Brychan's kingdom. He died in the 5th century AD and is the patron saint of Llangedwyn, Wales.

Saint Severinus of Tivoli
St Severinus of Tivoli was a Benedictine monk and a hermit at Tivoli, Italy. He died of natural causes in 609 AD and his relics were enshrined in the church Saint Laurence in Tivoli, Italy

Saint Pabiali of Wales
St Pabiali of Wales is the patron saint of Partypallai, Wales where a chapel in Wales is dedicated to him.

Saint Harold the King
St Harold the King was the first Christian king of Denmark. He died in 980 AD, in Denmark when he was martyred by his pagan people for trying to convert them to Christians

Saint Cyrenia of Tarsus
St Cyrenia of Tarsus was burned to death and martyred with Saint Juliana in 306 AD at Tarsus, Asia Minor during the persecutions of Galerius and Maximian.

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Saint Ludre
St Ludre was the son of a senator of Bourges in modern France. He died still wearing the white robes almost immediately after baptism. His relics are interred at Deols on the Indre in modern France.

Saint Mary the Slave
St Mary the Slave was a Christian slave in the house of Tertullus, a patrician in Rome, Italy. She was martyred in 300 AD during the persecutions of Diocletian.

Saint Ceitho
St Ceitho was one of five brothers in the 6th century, all of whom are venerated as saints in Wales. He founded a church in Llangeitho, Dyfed, Wales. He is the patron saint of Llangeitho, Wales

Saint Rómulo of Bourges
St Rómulo of Bourges was also known as Romolo. He was a priest, a monk, and an abbot in Bourges, Aquitaine, now in modern-day France in the fifth century.

Saint Dacius of Damascus
St Dacius of Damascus was also known as Decius of Damascus. He was martyred in Damascus, Syria together with six companions.

Saint James of Persia
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Saint Dingad
St Dingad was the son of the chieftain Saint Brychan of Brecknock in the fifth century. He became a hermit in Llandovery, Dyfed, Wales.

Saint Peter Absalon
St Peter Absalon was buried alive in 300 AD at Caesarea, Palestine and died as a Martyr.

Saint Gal of Clermont
St Gal of Clermont was the Bishop of Clermont, France from 640 AD to 650 AD.

Saint Meigan
St Meigan was also known as Megan. He was a monk at Cor Beuno, Carnarvon, Wales.

Saint Nichole
St Nichole was an abbess of the convent at Almenêches Abbey, France.

More Saints of the Day for the 1st of November 2026
- Our Lady of Heede

Sunday Mass Readings Homily – For the 1st Of November 2026, Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Today's 1st November 2026 Catholic Sunday Readings Homily Theme: Whoever Humbles Himself Will Be Exalted – Matthew 23:1-12, Luke 14:1-11

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday Night Mass Times	
Saint Josephs	5:30pm

Sunday Mass Times	
Saint Joseph's	9:30am
Saint Anne's & Holy Family	11:00 am
Saint Patrick's Ryhope	9:30 am

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