

# All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day is celebrated every year on 1st November; it is a holy day in the Catholic Church. It is a day when they celebrate the saints of the church as well as those saints who have not yet been recognised.



## Did You Know?

All Saints' Day is also known as All Hallows' Day and is the day after All Hallows' Eve (Halloween).

## What Is a Saint?

A saint is someone who has proven himself or herself to be holy by following God's teachings and has entered the kingdom of heaven.

## How Does Someone Become a Saint?

The Catholic church believes that anyone can become a saint but there must be proof that the person has performed two miracles. These miracles can happen during or after their life. If a person performs one miracle, they can be blessed.

## What Is a Miracle?

A miracle is something that cannot be explained by science or nature. For example, Saint Francis of Assisi was able to talk to animals and heal them with a touch.

## All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day

Pope Boniface IV created All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day in 609AD. All Souls' Day is celebrated the day after All Saints' Day, the 2nd November. All Saints' Day is a day of obligation; All Souls' Day is not.









### What Is a Day of Obligation?

A day of obligation means that Catholics must attend Mass. Sunday is a day of obligation and there are several holy days throughout the year. As well as attending Mass, it is important to try and do something special and avoid doing any unnecessary chores such as cleaning.

### Patron Saints

A patron saint is a holy person who looks after different areas of life. There are patron saints for all sorts of things, such as jobs, animals and even learning. Nations can have patron saints too. They are said to protect their country in times of trouble.

Patron Saint	Country	National Day
 Saint David	Wales	1 <sup>st</sup> March
 Saint Patrick	Ireland	17 <sup>th</sup> March
 Saint George	England	23 <sup>rd</sup> April
 Saint Andrew	Scotland	30 <sup>th</sup> November

# Questions

1. When is All Saints' Day?

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2. What is All Saints' Day?

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3. Name one thing Catholics do on All Saints' Day.

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4. Tick to show if the statements are true or false.

	True	False
All Saints' Day is also known as All Souls' Day.		
To become a saint a person needs to perform one miracle.		
If a person performs one miracle they can be 'blessed'.		
Catholics can do housework on All Saints' Day.		

5. Why do Catholics need to attend Mass on All Saints' Day?

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6. Draw a line to match the feast day to the Patron Saint.

30<sup>th</sup> November

Saint George's Day

1<sup>st</sup> March

Saint Andrew's Day

17<sup>th</sup> March

Saint Davids' Day

23<sup>rd</sup> April

Saint Patrick's Day

7. Why do you think All Saints' Day is a day of obligation? Give a reason for your answer.

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8. Write two facts you have learnt about All Saints' Day.

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