

Children's Newsletter

St Mary's

All Saints

Matt 5:1-12

In today's Gospel, Jesus is trying to teach the people about how they should behave. He mentions the eight items which we have come to know as the Beatitudes.

1. Blessed the poor is Spirit, theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.
2. Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the land.
3. Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.
4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be satisfied.
5. Blessed are the merciful for they shall be shown mercy.
6. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God.
8. Blessed are those who are persecuted for my sake, the kingdom of God is theirs.

These are not always easy to understand but Pope Francis says that this is our badge of identity as they show us how Jesus lived his life. It is not always easy to be all the things in the Beatitudes but Jesus asks us to keep trying every day. Pope Francis also said that the Beatitudes always bring joy.

Spooky witches, Saints and Souls.

What do these have in common?

Long ago in Ireland and Britain, people would gather on All Hallow's Eve (Halloween) to ask God for blessings to protect them from evil. They would often dress up as saints or devils or witches and act out the battle between good and evil.

On All Saints' Day we remember the holy men and women whom God has blessed. We are also reminded to become more like them as we see in the Gospel today. The Saints lives are an example of how we should live.

All souls' day is a chance to remember all those who have died, especially people we have known or belonged to us. This year there are many to pray for throughout the world.



Saints cube

Draw around this cube to make a template.

Make this cube and find out more about each saint.

Make your own saints' cube with other saints and find out about them.

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You could make another cube with the names of you and your family to remind you to try and live like saints.

