

On Passing a Graveyard John O'Donohue

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May perpetual light shine upon
The faces of all who rest here.

May the lives they had
Unfold further in spirit.

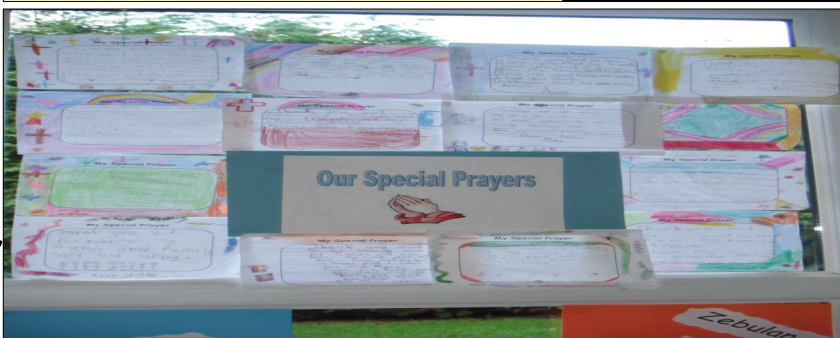
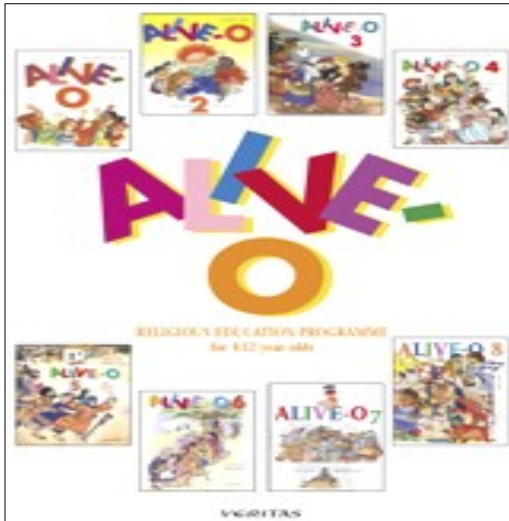
May all the past travail
Find ease in the kindness of clay.

May the remembering earth
Mind every memory they brought.

May the rains from the heavens
Fall gently upon them.

May the wildflowers and grasses
Whisper their wishes into light.

May we reverence the village of presence
In the stillness of this silent field.



♦ The glory of God is people fully alive ♦
St. Irenaeus

Saints & Feasts for November

- Nov 1st All Saints
- Nov 2nd All Souls
- Nov 3rd St. Malachy
- Nov 4th St. Martin de Porres
- Nov 6th St. Charles Borromeo
- Nov 9th All the Saints of Ireland
- Nov 10th Dedication of the Latern Basilica
- Nov 11th St. Leo the Great
- Nov 14th St. Martin of Tours
- Nov 15th St. Laurence O'Toole
- Nov 17th St. Albert the Great
- Nov 18th St. Elizabeth of Hungary
- Nov 20th Dedication of Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul
- Nov 21st Christ the King
- Nov 22nd Presentation of BVM
- Nov 25th St. Cecilia
- Nov 27th St. Colman
- 1st Sunday of Advent

A Special Prayer Space sent in by Ms. Curtin's Second Class from Ballyagran Primary School.

Feast Day of St. Martin of Tours Nov. 11th

St. Martin's most famous legend tells of the days before he came a Christian, when he was a Roman soldier. He was riding his horse during the first snowfall of the season, and he came upon a shivering, crippled beggar. Martin cut his own cloak in half and then gave half to the beggar. That night in a dream the beggar appeared to Martin and identified himself as Christ the Lord. Martin was born in the Roman province of Pannonia, which is now Hungary. He was made bishop of Tours in Gaul, what is now France. Martin was the first person not martyred to be acclaimed a saint.

Saint Martin's Day became a kind of Thanksgiving Day at the end of the agricultural year. Roast goose is traditional on Saint Martin's Day, and a goose is often shown as Martin's companion. In 1918, Saint Martin's Day— the eleventh day of the eleventh month— was chosen as the day for the armistice that ended World War 1. Martin has been a symbol of European unity and of the abandonment of war in favour of peace.



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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.



May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

November: A Time to Remember

Traditionally, November is the month when we remember the departed, especially our family members and friends. It is a time to recall past events and people who shared our lives. Throughout the *Alive-O* programme, the children are encouraged to remember those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith. Opportunities are provided for children to talk about people they have known, or people they have been told about, who have died but whose memories have been kept alive.

We remember so that we can understand our own lives and our inevitable death. Each year the programme approaches this sensitive theme in a different way, taking into account the age and stage development of the children.



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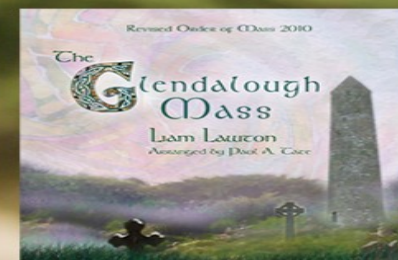
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Reminder: Liam Lawton Workshop

Fr. Liam Lawton will be in Limerick on November 17th 2011 for two music workshops. The workshops will be an opportunity to hear and learn the Glendalough Mass, which is a new mass setting for the revised Missal. The workshops will be of particular interest to teachers who have responsibility for preparing the school choir for masses, those who are teaching the sacramental classes, or anyone interested in the new music settings of the mass.

Venue: Woodlands Hotel, Adare **Date:** November 17th 2011
Time: Afternoon Workshop 3pm– 4.30 pm
 Evening Workshop 7.30 pm– 9.00 pm

Details have been emailed to your school and are also available from the Diocese of Limerick website- www.limerickdiocese.org



A Time to Remember: All Saints

To all God's beloved ...who are called to be saints: Grace to you. (Romans 1:7)

We all know people who have lived ordinary lives in an extraordinary way— people who have coped with courage and fortitude with the difficulties, tragedies and challenges that life has put in their path. Such people in their own quiet, often unassuming way can be an inspiration to us, give us hope and renew our spirit. They have discovered for themselves the significance of the ordinary— how the everyday world is imbued with the Spirit of God, if we have the eyes to see and the ears to hear. They are often the unsung heroes whose stories get told only after their death when the community gathers to celebrate their life. It is then we hear and rehear stories of tolerance or suffering or undaunting courage. It is then we hear about that listening ear, that compassionate embrace, that empathetic support, the good turn done, the loving gesture offered. Quietly and silently, in the context of an ordinary day's events, such people embody an extraordinary quality that leaves us in admiration and awe. On November 1st, the Church, in celebrating the lives of all saints, known and unknown, acknowledges and gives honour to the lives of such people.

The Feast of All Saints celebrates the sanctity of the ordinary. 'Sanctus', from which the word 'saint' is derived, means 'the one who is holy.' Almost everyday, often in small, apparently insignificant ways, we are touched by 'holy' people who make manifest the Spirit of God in their lives. People who stand out, not because of the magnitude of what they do, but because of the ways they do things. Maybe it's their timing or their sensitivity to others. Maybe it's the particular attitude they bring to situations, or it's their absolute integrity as individuals. Whatever it is, they are the sort of people who take on life, who embrace it in all its fullness, who see possibilities in the ordinary and turn them into something extraordinary. When we come into contact with such people we feel honoured and privileged.

This year as we begin the month of November, the time when we remember those who have died, we focus on the Feast of All Saints. We help the children to recognise the people in their own lives who have for them been extraordinary and who after their death remain part of the communion of saints. We also help them to realise that, as baptised Christians, we are called to be saints.

The Alive-o programme introduces the children to the following saints: **St. Vincent de Paul** (Alive-O T1L8); **St. Brigid** (Alive-O T2 L3); **St. Patrick** (Alive-O T2 L8) (Alive-O2 T2 L7); **St. Columba** (Alive-O3 T1 L6); **St. Thérèse** (Alive-O 4 T1 L6); **St. Gonnait** (Alive-O4 T3 L10); **St. Brendan** (Alive-O5 T1 L7, Alive-O5 T3 L8); **St Francis** (Alive-O 6 T1 L4); **St. Canaire** (Alive-O6 T1 L4); **St. Kevin & St. Lawrence** (Alive-O7 T1L8).

There is also scope to explore and discuss the lives of other saints with children, especially local saints or saints whose feast days take place in November. Prayer services for the Feast of All Saints and All Souls are found in almost all of the Alive-O Teacher Books. The prayer service found in the Fourth Class programme, Alive-O 6 (pg. 359-361), is particularly suitable for a school assembly.



St. Kevin
Alive-O7 T1L8



St. Lawrence O'Toole
Alive-O7 T1L8

All Saints

I know a lot of saints, I do!
So let me mention just a few:
I know someone who runs a team
And teaches kids to play and dream,
Who stands in cold and wind and rain
On days they play and nights they train;
Someone who's there when we are sad,
The best and gentlest friend we've had,
Someone who says, 'Just do your best',
When I am scared to take a test;
A friend who takes the time to show
How things were done so long ago;
A teacher who just always knows
Where that comma always goes;
And others who are kind and good,
Who try to act as Jesus would,
Who show God's love in all they do.
I know a lot of saints, don't you?
Christy Kenneally



Invitation to Launch of Limerick Diocesan Website



INVITATION

You are invited to join with people from across the Diocese for the launch of the new Diocese of Limerick Website

www.limerickdiocese.org
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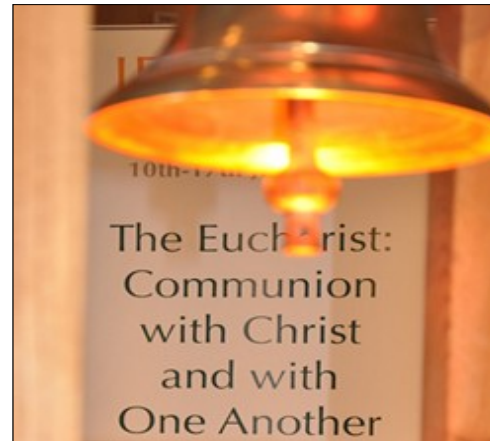
Monday 21st November
at 7.00pm

Tara Centre, Room T118
Mary Immaculate College

RSVP by 1pm, Friday 18th November
Tel: 061 400 133 or Email: reception@ldpc.ie

Car parking will be available in the grounds of Mary Immaculate College at the Courtbrack Avenue entrance

The Eucharistic Congress Bell



The Eucharistic Congress Bell is a key symbol of the 50th International Eucharistic Congress. From its origins in the Dominican Convent of Portstewart, Co. Derry, the Bell was more recently used to ring in the Jubilee Year 2000 in Glendalough, Co. Wicklow.

The Bell reflects the invitation to faith, to prayer, to reconciliation and to mission which has always been important in our Christian tradition and is no less so today. The pilgrimage of the Bell throughout the Dioceses of Ireland, and beyond, will be a vehicle to animate the people of your Diocese to become involved with the Eucharistic Congress both locally and nationally. The bell has been fitted into a carrying frame in which it will be brought on foot from place to place around Ireland by teams of volunteers. It will be a focal point for gathering and for prayer, in cathedrals, parish churches and places of pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage commenced in the Archdiocese of Dublin on the 17th March 2011, when the bell was blessed by Archbishop Martin in the pro-Cathedral in Dublin. It was brought to St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, from where it continued its journey from diocese to diocese. The pilgrimage will end in a final pilgrimage ceremony at the opening of the International Eucharistic Congress in the Archdiocese of Dublin in June 2012. During the year the Bell and the accompanying Icons will have traversed the island of Ireland, having also journeyed to Spain, France, and the UK.

This week the Bell is visiting the Diocese of Limerick. For details about the journey of the National Eucharistic Congress Bell through the Diocese of Limerick see www.limerickdiocese.org. For further details and resources for the Eucharistic Congress see www.iec2012.ie.

