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ALL SAINTS DAY – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1ST

This Saturday is, of course, Halloween or All-Hallows'-Eve which is the night-before-All-Saints'-Day. It was in the eighth century that the Church appointed a special date

for the feast of All Saints, followed by a day in honor of her soon-to-be saints, the feast of All Souls.

My sister who lives in Liverpool sent the following reflection to me from the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

This reflection is from Fr Simon Gore, Director of Animate Youth.

I remember when I was quite a small child, I went with my parents on our annual pilgrimage to Walsingham. While we were there, I asked them to buy me The Book of Catholic Saints I had seen in a shop. When I look back, I do wonder what kind of small boy I was! Anyway, it had a brief biography of each saint and a fairly saccharine picture of that saint on the opposite page. I remember being fascinated with the book and read it more than once over the course of twelve months. I enjoyed the book so much that the next

year when we went back to Walsingham, I asked for the second volume of The Book of Catholic Saints! It is perhaps no surprise then, that I still have an affection for any saint that happens to cross my path.

I can't understand why some people might not know, or even want to know, about our patron saints. Their lives always seem to me to be an inspiration and an example. In a saint's biography, there is usually at least one thing that I can see that has some relevance to me. Also, I can often take solace in the fact that although these men and women are now saints, they were not always perfect.

The Full reflection for All Saints Day can be found here <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/sunday-reflections>

Spend some time this weekend looking up a Saint

More information can be found here on All Hallows' Eve <https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/all-hallow-s-eve.html>

Spend some time just looking at the three images.

- Where is your eye drawn to?
- What feelings are you experiencing?
- What are you noticing?



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Fittingly Grade 9 have been looking at the early martyrs and understanding what it meant to be called to serve as the early Disciples of Jesus. Their Call

This weekend's readings are attached. The Gospel from Matthew 23:1-12 tells us to go out and be loving servants. In the Activity after the readings the text talks about many of us hiding behind "masks" and not showing the world that we are Christians. The challenge for us all is to let everyone see we are Christians. I asked myself how I might do this and was reminded of the Song (Hymn) "They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love". This is the challenge to all of us to show our love for God and each other and to let God love us. And remember as we were told in the above reflection from Liverpool that the "men and women are now saints, they were not always perfect". Walk in the light of the Saints. Now that reminds me of another Song (Hymn) I will save that for another time. Have a safe weekend.

"They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love".

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love*

Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work side by side

We will work with each other, we will work side by side

And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love

Yeah, they'll know we are Christians by our love.



Take Care.

Be Safe.

God Bless.