

The Month of the Holy Souls.

The Month of November is a very special time in the calendar of the Catholic Church. It is a time when we are encouraged to pray for the soul in Purgatory. It can be difficult to explain this traditional part of Catholic Belief. Simply put, Purgatory is for those who died in the Grace of God by accepting God in their lives but who have not fully made up for their sins. In time, with our prayers and the love of God, they will join him in Heaven.

This month each class will take part in a November Service in either RE or PSHE. At this service, all will be given the chance to write the names of those close to us who have died, onto our November Lists. The people on our lists will be prayed for at all Services and Masses in the School during The Month of November. Later in the month there will be a special service when a Candle will be lit in memory of close relatives of the pupils and staff who have died in the last year. Remember that in the Catholic Faith, our greatest prayer is the Mass which is celebrated each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in our Oratory.

'We loved them in life, let us not forget them in death' St Ambrose.

'It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead' 2 Maccabees 12.

'Lay this body anywhere; let not the care of it disturb you. This is all I request of you, that you would remember me at the altar of the Lord, wherever you be.'

St Monica to her son.

