

## Novena Prayer

All powerful God, whose mercy is never withheld, look kindly on all who have departed this life and number them among your saints for evermore.

It is our certain faith that your Son,  
who died on the cross,  
was raised from the  
dead, the first fruits of all  
who have fallen asleep.  
Grant that all who have  
gone to their rest in  
Christ may share in the joy  
of his Resurrection.



*[Pause to remember those included in the Holy Souls List kept near the altar, family, friends and colleagues who have died, and all the departed, especially those without anyone to pray for them.]*

The Lord bless them and keep them.  
The Lord make his face shine upon them and be gracious to them.  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon them and give them peace.  
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light  
shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen

### From the Commendation of the Dying

May you live in peace this day,  
may your home be with God in Zion,  
with Mary, the Virgin Mother of  
God, with Joseph,  
and all the angels and Saints.

### The Memorare

Remember, O Blessed Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known,  
that anyone who fled to thy protection,  
implored thy help, or sought thy  
intercession was left unaided.  
Inspired by this confidence we fly unto  
thee O Virgin of virgins our Mother, to  
thee we come, before thee we kneel,  
sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the  
Word Incarnate despise not our  
petitions but in thy mercy hear and  
answer them.

### Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us  
from the fires of Hell and lead all souls  
to Heaven, especially those most  
in need of thy mercy.

***Love is as strong as death***

Motto of Cardinal Vincent Nichols



## November Month of the Holy Souls

*He will wipe every tear from their eyes,  
and there will be no more death or  
sorrow or crying or pain. All these  
things are gone forever.*

Revelation 21:4

Please return your November List by **31 October** together with any offering you may wish to make. Your Holy Souls List will be placed near the Altar and prayed for throughout November especially during the Novena and November Masses for the Holy Souls.

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**Names (Contd)**



## Parish of St Alban & St Stephen



November is traditionally a month of prayer for the Holy Souls when we pray for our deceased relatives and friends but remember too those who have no one to pray for them.

The Novena of Masses for the Holy Souls will run from the 2 to 10 November when the Novena Prayer will be recited at each Mass. **The Novena Prayer is printed on the back.** During the Month of November, there will be additional Masses for the Holy Souls.

***Our loved ones have not disappeared into dark nothingness: Hope assures us that that they are in God's good and strong hands. Love is stronger than death***

Pope Francis

This list should be returned to the presbytery by **31 October** together with any offering you may wish to make towards the Masses for the Holy Souls. You can use the envelope provided or simply mark a plain envelope 'Holy Souls'.

### **NOVENA OF MASSES for the HOLY SOULS**

**2 to 10 November 2025**

*At each Mass the  
Novena Prayer will be said*

*The following Holy Souls Masses will be offered with a particular intention. Further Masses for the Holy Souls will be offered during November.*

**Sunday 2 November 12 Noon**

For deceased benefactors

**Friday 7 November 7pm**

For all who have died in the past year

**Sunday 9 November 12 Noon**

For those who have died in war

**Wednesday 12 November 7pm**

For deceased brothers and sisters

**Sunday 16 November 8am**

For deceased children - sons & daughters

**Monday 17 November 7pm**

For the deceased victims of violence

**Saturday 22 November 5pm**

For deceased parents and grandparents

**Tuesday 25 November 10am**

For deceased priests and religious

**Friday 28 November 7pm**

For deceased spouses