



“Church tradition has always urged prayer for the dead, in particular by offering the celebration of the Eucharist for them: it is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls”

Pope Francis

SCRIPTURE
of the DAY

Isaiah 25: 6-9
Psalm 26: 1, 4, 7-9, 13-14
Romans 5: 5-11
Luke 7: 11-17

This is the rhythm of Christian accompaniment: notice the pain, pause our hurry, speak hope, and act in love.

In Malaysia many households live apart for work across Sabah, Sarawak, and the Peninsular; migrants and students grieve from a distance; the year-end monsoon can suddenly turn ordinary days into days of loss. All Souls’ Day tells us that God’s love reaches across those distances. Like Judas Maccabeus (2 Maccabees 12: 42-46), we pray for the dead because love does not end at the grave; it matures into intercession. St Paul lifts our eyes: “Our citizenship is in heaven,” and Christ will transform our lowly bodies; so our remembrance becomes baptismal hope, not resignation. *Spe Salvi* (48: “It is never too late to touch the heart of another, nor is it ever in vain.”)

In *Amoris Laetitia* (193: “Listening to the elderly tell their stories is good for children and young people; it makes them feel connected to the living history of their families...”) Pope Francis reminded us that the home is where we learn tenderness and where we pass on stories of faith; **telling the next generation about the faith of those who have died is a quiet catechesis of hope.** A synodal Church is one that remembers together: we name our losses aloud; we allow tears; we entrust our beloved to God; and we let the compassion we receive become compassion we offer. In doing so, our families become small sanctuaries where the Lord’s promise is trusted and where forgiveness, long delayed, can finally begin to flow.

This week: Where possible offer a family Mass for your departed and make one consoling call or visit to someone who grieves.✙

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time | 2 Nov 2025
(The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day))

CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MONTHLY FOCUS & RATIONALE:

FAMILY (ACCOMPANYING)

**CALLED TO STRENGTHENING FAITH AND RELATIONSHIPS
TOWARDS BUILDING GOD-CENTERED FAMILIES**

Sharing Grief and Hope as God-Centered Families

We begin November by accompanying one another through memory and mourning. Our monthly focus invites families to strengthen relationships not only by celebrating life but by carrying grief together. At Nain, Jesus meets a funeral procession and a mother who has already known too much loss. He sees, stops, speaks, and restores.

