

Feast of All Saints
Masses: 6,7,8,9 only!
Poor Souls Indulgences

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All Souls' Day Wednesday,
Hear three Masses in
your hall chapel

Professor Eugene O'Connell, R.I.P.

Prof. O'Connell, of the Physics Department, died suddenly Sunday morning in St. Joseph's Hospital, following a heart attack Friday evening. There will be a student Mass of Requiem for the repose of his soul on Thursday morning at 6:25 in the church; you are requested to be present and to offer Holy Communion for the repose of his soul. He was a good man, an extraordinarily good man. He was devoted to his family and to the Catholic Church. Exceptionally well versed in Apologetics for a layman, he gave much time and attention to combatting false doctrines, especially the pernicious attack on the family known as birth control. He labored hard in God's cause; God will take care of him.

"My Father In Jail? Let Him Rot There!"

That is a crude, barbarous way of putting it, but that is an accurate description of the attitude of the son who lets his father languish in Purgatory when he can bail him out with prayers and indulgences. Perhaps it isn't your father, your mother, your sister; perhaps it's your pal. How much have you done for the relatives and friends who depend on you for their release from Purgatory?

The Poor Souls can do nothing for themselves, but we can help them with our prayers and by the application of indulgences. We know little of the decrees of God in particular cases. We will know much about these things when our own turn comes to die. But we do know that among the causes for the condemnation of the damned is neglect of Him in the person of the afflicted: "I was sick and in prison," He will say to the damned, "and you did not visit Me."

A plenary indulgence may be gained from noon tomorrow until Wednesday evening for every visit you make to the church, provided you receive the Sacraments on one or other of those days, and that you offer six Our Fathers, Hail Marys, and Glory be to the Fathers for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff. These indulgences are applicable only to the Poor Souls, not to ourselves. Don't be uncharitable to the Poor Souls. Don't be so charitable to your own departed loved ones as to judge that they do not need prayers. That is cruel charity if they are still in Purgatory.

While a plenary indulgence is the taking away of all the temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven, we never know, without a revelation from God, how good our dispositions are; consequently, we cannot know how much of an indulgence we gain. It behooves us, therefore, to gain all the indulgences we can, offering them for our own dependents, and leaving to the disposition of the Blessed Virgin those which superabound.

Holy Communions Last Week.

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Note Tuesday, the beginning of the Triduum for your parents; your fervor died quickly. Note Saturday. Why wasn't there a Mass in the church that day for the team? Because on the previous Saturday only 223 came to the church for such a Mass.

For the Next One To Die.

The 7:00 Mass tomorrow, All Saints' Day, will be offered for the next one of us to die.

PRAYERS: James Baker, of Sorin Hall, suffered a broken leg in an auto accident Friday. Ray Morrissey lost his brother yesterday. Wade Kelleher was called home Friday by the serious illness of his mother. Warren Schwantes asks prayers for a relative who is ill; Louise Hruby for his grandmothers, both ill; another student for his sister, an expectant mother. Ed Coyle, '29, lost his father recently. Six special intentions.