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**HSE Advisory for Feast of All Saints, November 2**

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## **Introduction**

**All Souls' Day**, also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and the Day of the Dead, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died. It is celebrated annually by the Roman Catholic Church and other Christian denominations on November 2, throughout the world.

The Church encourages the faithful to visit the gravesides of their deceased relatives and friends on this Feast day, to pray for the souls of their departed loved ones.

## **Protocol for visiting the cemetery**

It is necessary to note that the stringent protocols that are in place for attending Church services and other activities also apply to visiting a cemetery on All Souls Day. These include:

1. Wearing face masks **at all times**
2. Maintaining physical distances of six feet
3. Limiting gatherings to ten (10) persons. Please note that there are likely to be other gatherings in close proximity at other gravesides.
4. To the extent possible, trying to have your group visit the cemetery at times when it is not very crowded.
5. Avoiding close greetings with other visitors, even if you have not seen them for quite some time.
6. Keeping safe in every respect.

Apart from visiting the gravesides, it is also now a well-established practice to offer Mass(es) for the repose of the souls of the dear departed.

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