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All Saints. All Souls.

All those who have gone before us on whose shoulders we stand.

We remember. We celebrate. We believe.



I recently met Bruno. A gentle, humble man standing nearby me in the gathering outside church after Sunday morning mass. There was something about Bruno.

A faraway look of longing perhaps. Unsure. A little reticent. Wanting to say something but finding it hard to put it into words. Bodily in the space. His spirit seemingly somewhere else. Holding a clutch of crosses.



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The crosses were his handiwork. In memory of his wife whose passion and death were so recently enfolded into Bruno's life experience. Bruno's gift to our people. For them to take and hold and remember. In memory of all our ancestors. All the saints. All the souls.

And still, we celebrate for you are with us here.

Our celebrations of All Saints Day on 1 November and All Souls Day on 2 November, prompt us to remember what inspires us, repels us, amazes us, unsettles us, pains us, and comforts us; the people whose story and spirit live on in us – present, abiding and guiding – teaching us how to live.

Now we recreate your love.

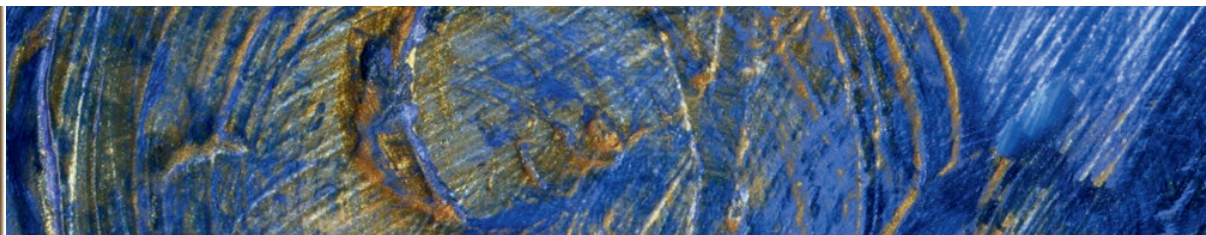
Memory is the ultimate reminder of our inexorable relationship with all that was, is and will be. Life is not a series of truncated segments. Birth. Life. Death. One after the other after the other.

Rather, life is an infinite weave composed of ancestral threads with neither beginning nor end.

It is in our remembering of the saints and the souls that their love is recreated, our lives are made anew and we glimpse eternity.

Who does Bruno remind you of? Who are your go-to saints and why? What cross are you clutching? Who is your stand-out ancestral teacher?

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