

SUNDAY PLUS

Remember

They gave their all

By Austin Owen-Owen

It's easy to imagine the little old lady putting a coin in the collection box before entering the Temple to pray. What made her different was that Jesus saw her and knew that everything she had went into that box and nobody else saw or appreciated her gift. She wasn't looking for recognition – but she deserved it. Would she go to bed hungry that evening?

Today is Remembrance Day. Over the millennia, billions of people have lived on our planet, but each had only one life. Too often, that life was

given up in wars which its owner didn't seek and didn't start. Lists of names on war memorials and cemetery headstones won't always record great deeds which earned medals and fame. Yet each name, each grave, was someone who was loved and whose absence left – and still leaves – an aching gap which will never be filled in quite the same way. Too often, war is made by the "men at the top" and fought by those "at the bottom". War destroys families and separates loved ones. War memorials, wherever they may be, say the same things but in different languages, tangible proof that those who lived and those who died were people with friends, families and personal stories. Each resembled the poor widow of today's Gospel: they gave their all.

Today, Remembrance Day, we think with pride of those who gave their lives so that others might live and as we pray that they might be enjoying eternal life, we also pray for peace. May all peoples work together to create peace and understanding in our world.

Austin Owen-Owen was wounded twice in battle but continued fighting on the front line.

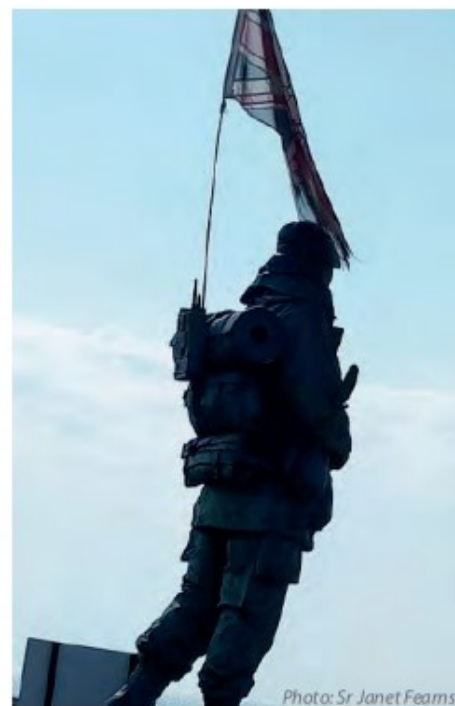


Photo: Sr Janet Feams

Without memory, we uproot ourselves from the soil that nourishes us and allow ourselves to be carried away like leaves in the wind. If we do remember, however, we bind ourselves afresh to the strongest of ties; we feel part of a living history, the living experience of a people.

Pope Francis

Nothing left over

By Fr Denis McBride C.Ss.R.

For Jesus, the quality of generosity is not about what you give but what you have left after you give. The widow makes a supreme sacrifice, offering as gift everything that she has. There is nothing left over.

Some people do even more – they give their own lives. Armistice Day, on 11 November, recalls the official end of World War I. The hostilities formally ended "at the eleventh hour of the

eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918, with the German signing of the Armistice.

Today, we celebrate Remembrance Day, remembering all those men and women who were killed during the two World Wars and other conflicts.

We remember because we don't think their ultimate sacrifice should be forgotten. Who we are is what we owe to them. But we do more than remember: we hold their sacrifice holy today, together with the sacrifice of Jesus, who gave his life for all.

Fr Denis McBride's many books, CDs and DVDs are available from Redemptionist Publications, www.rpbbooks.co.uk.

Feast of the week Sunday 10 November Remembrance Day

Wherever you are, my love will keep you safe,
My heart will build a bridge of light across both time and space.
Wherever you are, our hearts still beat as one,
I hold you in my dreams each night until your task is done...

Wherever I am, I will love you day by day,
I will keep you safe, cling on to faith along the dark, dark way,
Wherever I am, I will hold on through the night,
I will pray each day a safe return, will look now through the light...

May your courage never cease.
Courage never cease.
Paul Mealar, sung by Military Wives Choir

Lord God, grant eternal rest to all those who have died as a result of war. Comfort their families and friends. Heal those who carry the wounds of war in their bodies and in their hearts. Help us to build a world of peace. Amen.

Today: 1 Kings 17:10-16, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44
Monday: Titus 1:1-9, Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14, Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday: Titus 3:1-7, Luke 17:11-19
Thursday: Philimon 7-20, Luke 17:20-25
Friday: 2 John 4-9, Luke 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 John 5-8, Luke 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Daniel 12:1-3, Hebrews 10:11-14, 18, Mark 13:24-32

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32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
10th November 2024



The Word This Week



"God does not have favourites", Saint Paul tells us, but God always makes a special place for the poor, and those whom society would push into second place. In the traditions of Israel God invited the people to have special care for the "widows and orphans" - so the story we hear in today's Gospel would have a particular resonance. The paradox of Christian faith is this: in giving, we receive. Christ gave everything, sacrificing his very life, and in return received a new and unending life. The widow in the first reading gave her last food for the prophet Elijah, and in return received an endless supply. This is a challenge to us in our turn: what are we invited or asked to give, and in what spirit will we do so, and what will be our reward?

Saints celebrated this week

11 November: Saint Martin of Tours Born in 316, Martin began as a soldier, but then received baptism and founded a monastery in France under the direction of Saint Hilary. He was later chosen as Bishop of Tours; here he worked hard to visit his flock, and preach against paganism. He died in 397, and was honoured as a saint - one of the first non-martyrs so to be honoured.

12 November: Saint Josaphat A saint of the Ukraine, honoured for his work for the unity of the Church; born in 1580, he became a priest and established a reputation for holiness, becoming archbishop of Polotsk. He worked strenuously to end disturbances between the Latin and Byzantine Rites in his diocese, but was killed by in a religious riot in 1623.

15 November: Saint Albert the Great A great scholar, Albert was born in 1206 and became a Dominican; he was made Bishop of Regensburg in 1260; his interest in natural science left many works. He also wrote much theology; he died in Cologne in 1280.

16 November: Saint Margaret of Scotland Born in 1045, she was married to King Malcolm III of Scotland in 1070. They had 8 children. She was famed for her generosity to the poor - setting up hospitals and performing menial acts of charity. She died in 1093.

Saint Gertrude Born in Thuringia in 1256, Gertrude was placed in a Cistercian convent. She was exemplary in her prayer, with a deep awareness of the love of God. She died in 1301.

Saint Edmund of Abingdon Edmund was born in 1175. He became archbishop of Canterbury in 1233. He had frequent disputes with the king and it was while on his way to ask for the Pope's support that he died in France in 1240.

Mass Times and ‘offered for’ dedications W/C 10th November 2024		
Sunday 10th	Saturday 9th	4pm SJF - <i>Alice Gaskin</i> 9.30am SJF - <i>Michael Meaney</i> 11am StM - <i>Parish & Holy Souls</i>
Monday 11th	No Mass	
Tuesday 12th	No Mass	
Wednesday 13th	No Mass	
Thursday 14th	No Mass	
Friday 15th	No Mass	
Saturday 16th	No Mass	
Sunday 17th	Mass	9.30am SJF 11am StM
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Please note there is no 4pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 16th November

FIA Sung, Strung, Supper - 8th November
Thank you to all who have supported the event with ticket purchases, donations and raffle prizes.

November Remembrance List -
Envelopes are at the back of each church to list those loved ones you wish to be remembered in the month of November.



Parish Christmas Fair - St John Fisher School
Sunday 24th November, at 12noon
Thank you for your donations so far! The day before the fair, help will be needed to take all the boxes of goods from SJF Church up to SJF School. We will be **meeting at Church at 9am on Saturday 23rd Nov** to take goods to school and set up the stalls. Please let the Paula and Bob or the office know if you can help. Many hands needed!



Diocesan Synod - Exploration Meetings Thank you to those who came to the first meeting discussing ‘Nurturing Faith for Tomorrow’s World’ and ‘Building Connections’. The next meeting discusses

- **Enabling Access**
- **Fostering Christ-like Care**

Summary leaflets for themes 3 & 4 are posted on our website. Please read in readiness for the meeting.
Wednesday 27th November—Themes 3&4
Time - 7– 8 pm Venue - St Mary’s Parish Hall

Mass Offerings - James McDonald (A); Paul McDonald (A); Juana Maria Tumini (A);
Please obtain permission from any living beneficiary of a Mass offering before sending it in.)

Altar Prayer Candles W/C 10th November 2024	
The Sanctuary	Fr Denis
Sacred Heart	Nardo Paiste
Our Lady	Donal & Susan 70th Birthdays
Please remember the above intentions in your prayers this week.	

Recent deaths in our Parish
Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Johanna Hassall**
Our condolences go to her family and friends. Her funeral will take place at **St Mary’s - 21 November at 10am**
May she rest in peace.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Ryan**
Our condolences go to her family and friends. Her funeral will take place at **St Mary’s - 22 November at 11.30am**
May she rest in peace.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Terence O’Neill**
Our condolences go to his family and friends. His funeral details tbc
May he rest in peace.

Take Action to Oppose Assisted Suicide



Have you contacted your MP yet?
All Catholics need to unite in prayer and action in opposition to a new Bill on assisted suicide. Please use the link below to access an online tool to **contact your MP** to voice your opposition to the bill.Or you can write to MP Andrew Gwynne -
Town Hall, Market Street, Denton 34 2AP or House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA
gwynnea@parliament.uk
[Ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law](#)
More information at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide> **Please act before 2nd Bill Reading 29th November**

Thank you!
To the team who cleaned St Mary’s Hall twice after the recent squirrel visits! It is very much appreciated.



Can you find all the words in today’s Gospel?

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CAFOD -Thank you!
We’ve received a letter thanking parishioners for a total donation of **£829.85** which is very generous in

*Dear Lord,
help us to keep you at the centre of our existence each day. Help us to listen and guide us in your mercy.
Amen.*



Faith in Action (FIA) Programme
Participants looking to complete their FIA award need to demonstrate that they are contributing to the Parish in various ways (Parish Hours). Support for activities at **St Mary’s** is provided at an FIA meeting for **silver and gold participants every 2nd Sunday** of the month and **all FIA participants every 3rd Sunday** of the month at the end of 11:00am Mass.. A meeting for **all participants who attend Mass at St John Fisher** is scheduled to take place **after 4pm Mass on the Saturday** for the first Sunday of the month. Current meetings at St Mary’s are for the organisation, preparation and participation in the FIA children’s led Mass which takes place on the 4th (or last) Sunday of every month.



Salford Diocese Information

Masses for Vocations Wed 13 November, 7pm, at Our Lady of the Assumption in Langley, and Thurs 21st November, 7pm, at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, in Bolton. All welcome.

Memorial Mass -Wednesday 13th November. to remember loved ones who have died in The Manchester Foundation Trust Hospitals and The Christie will be taking place on **The Holy Name** in Manchester at 6pm, where we will begin by praying the Rosary before **Mass at 7pm**. All are welcome to come and remember the dead and pray for their eternal rest.

Soup and Si’ Join the Diocese of Salford’s Laudato Si’ Centre team on **Friday 15 November** for an opportunity to further explore our call to be stewards of creation in a relaxed, informal setting. Enjoy a tour of the Laudato Si’ Centre and discover more about how its work links to Pope Francis’ Laudato Si’ encyclical and Laudate Deum exhortation before enjoying a bowl of homemade, locally-sourced soup! Find out more and register for this free event at <https://tinyurl.com/soupandsi>

Remembering our loved ones - A Moment of Prayer The Laudato Si’ Centre is inviting people to remember loved ones in a special way. Names will be hung in the centre’s willow dome, where visitors will be asked to pray for those people and their families during the month of November. They will also be remembered in a special prayer service **on 29th November**. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered in this way, or would like to join the prayer service, please email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

New Lectionary Resources With the new edition of the Lectionary for Mass coming into use on the First Sunday of Advent, the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales has signposted us to some useful resources introducing the new edition, what changes have been made, and why. Find out more at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary/>

Becoming Pilgrims of Hope: Advent Talks A series of talks exploring the theme of hope is set to begin this Advent as we embark on the 2025 Year of Jubilee. Join Sr Joan Kerley, FMSJ, and Maria Kidd as they unpick our Advent readings to explore some of the themes that are central to the concept of Jubilee. The talks will take place on 29 November, 6 and 13 December between 10am and 12.30pm at Wardley Hall. Find out more and register <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/advent-hope-talk-1>