

Remembrance Mass

Lest we forget



“If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

Romans 14: 8

Tuesday 5th November 2024

ENTRANCE HYMN

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send?*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?*

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Welcome and introduction to the mass by Father Riq,

Father Riq: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Father Riq: *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

All: And with your spirit

Introduction - Read by

We gather together today to remember those precious people in our lives who have died and now live with God the Father in heaven. We remember our loved ones each day, in memories, in music, in each other. In

November, we remember all those who have died and so as we celebrate mass together today, we think of all of our friends and family who have left this world and entered the kingdom of heaven.

As we move closer to Remembrance Sunday, we also remember those who have died in war and conflict and those members of the armed forces who protect us.

*They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn*

*At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them*

Offered and read by:

- We bring forward our remembrance book and ask that during the month of November it is filled with the names of our loved ones in heaven.
- We bring forward some poppies to remember those who have died during wars and conflicts.
- We bring forward a cross to remember that Jesus died for us to give us forgiveness for all sins, past, present and future.

Penitential Rite

C: We thank God for guiding us along the right path and helping us to make the right choices in each new chapter of our lives. We come today to ask God to continue to walk with us on our journey and fill us with faith and love.

C: If we have been unkind

All: We are sorry

C: If we have not shared with one another

All: We are sorry

C: If we have not helped one another

All: We are sorry

C: We ask God for his mercy

C: Lord have mercy **All: Lord have mercy**

C: Christ have mercy **All: Christ have mercy**

C: Lord have mercy **All: Lord have mercy**

C: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life

All: Amen

GLORIA - Led by

COLLECT:

Lord of the nations,

Saviour and judge of all:

Remove from human hearts all bitterness and hate,
grant to those who have died your mercy and forgiveness
and bring us all to the peace of your eternal Kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who suffered and died,
and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We want you to be quite sure brothers and sisters, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from Heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up into the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord forever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still, and know I am
near.

I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in Me

*Do not be afraid, I am with you, I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me, I will bring you home, I love you and you are mine*

I am strength for all the despairing, Healing for the ones who dwell in
shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know My
name.

*Do not be afraid, I am with you, I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me, I will bring you home, I love you and you are mine*

I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot
give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now, walk,
and live.

*Do not be afraid, I am with you, I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me, I will bring you home, I love you and you are mine*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Come and join the circle,
come and take my hand.
Come and join the circle,
come and be my friend.
Gather round and see
what the world can be.
Come and join the circle,
come and share God's word with me.

THE GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL read by -

Father Riq: In confidence and with hope in our hearts we bring our prayers to God.

We pray for those who have died in our school and parish community. May God received them kindly, with generosity and forgiveness, and reward their faith.

Priest: Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us

We pray that our deceased loved ones continue to inspire us, to intercede for us, and be there at the end to welcome us into eternal life.

Priest: Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us

We give thanks for the love which our loved ones showed during their lives. May they know the perfection and fulfilment of that love in heaven.

Priest: Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us

We ask God to bring those who have died into the light that no darkness can overpower. We remember all those who have no one to pray for them. We ask God to console them and show his mercy to them and everybody.

Priest: Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us

We pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace: for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God;

Priest: Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us

Dear Lord we ask Mary our Mother to pray with us and for us as we say...

Hail Mary, full of grace.

The Lord is with thee.

*Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

Priest: Lord hear us

Response: Lord graciously hear us

Father Riq: Lord, whose days are without end and whose mercies are beyond counting, keep us mindful that life is short and the hour of death unknown. Let your spirit guide our days on earth. We make these and all our prayers through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Procession of the Bread and Wine

Offertory Hymn

One bread, one body,
one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many,
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

2. Many the gifts,
many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

3. Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

*Priest: Pray, brethren that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.*

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

All: It is right and just.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
And profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

OUR FATHER

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

*Priest: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, graciously grant us peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever,

*Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.*

All: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

*Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins
of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.*

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but only
say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION HYMNS

We Will Remember Them

Remember, remember
The 11th of November
Remember the fallen and their sacrifice.

Remember, remember
The 11th of November
They went to war to save us all.
They gladly paid the price.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the rising of the sun and in the evening.
We will remember them,
We will, we will remember them.

DONA NOBIS PACEM

(SUNG BY WHOLE SCHOOL)

A TIME FOR QUIET REFLECTION AND PRAYER

Communion Reflection - Read by

You can shed tears that they have gone
Or you can smile that they lived
You can close your eyes and pray that they will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that they have left
Your heart can be empty because you cannot see them
Or you can be full of love that you shared with them.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember them and only that they have gone
Or you can cherish their memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what they would have wanted
Smile, love, play and go on.

CONCLUDING RITE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn:

Here I am to Worship

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God

You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Well, I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen."*

