

REMEMBRANCE

“To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.”
Thomas Campbell (Scottish Poet)



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear Lord,
Lead us from death to life.
From falsehood to truth.
From fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love.
And from war to peace.
Let peace fill our hearts,
our world, our universe.
Amen.



The Story Behind John McCrae’s “In Flanders Fields” poem ([CLICK HERE](#)).

In Flanders Fields ([CLICK HERE](#)).

Only Remembered -War Horse
([CLICK HERE](#)).



WORD OF THE WEEK

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
A time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

A TIME TO REMEMBER...

Why is it important to remember those who have passed away?

How would you want people to remember you?

Why might the words of this week's reading bring comfort to people who are mourning?

*"Not ended
but changed."*



November is the traditional time when we remember our friends and loved ones who have gone before us.

Whenever someone we love dies, our sadness reminds us just how precious life is. Our life is a gift from God, and we are called to use it to touch the lives of others. In our Christian faith, we believe that when someone dies, their life is not ended- it is merely changed! How right it is, then, that we remember those who have died in the season of Autumn, when the leaves on the trees wither and die, only to make way for the new life still to come.

With this in mind, you will find in your form folders an envelope of paper leaves. We invite you all to take a leaf and write the name of a loved one, friend or someone you admire who has died, as a way of remembering them and remembering that their life has not ended but changed. These leaves will be placed on our remembrance tree near the general office, so that those walking past will be able to remember and pray for those who have died.



At this time we particularly remember those killed in war and conflict around the world. Let us use this time to pray for peace in our troubled world, especially for an end to the dreadful terrorism that has caused so much suffering.

How can you bring and promote peace in the world today?

Talk to the person next to you about the small things you could do to promote peace, that together can make a real difference to the world around us.

A CATHOLIC TRADITION

It is tradition in the Catholic Church to visit a cemetery on All Saints day or All Souls day, which are celebrated on the 1st and 2nd November.

Usually the Pope declares that special blessings are given by God to those that do this on these days. But this year because of restrictions these blessings are now available all through the month of November.

So why not take a walk after school one evening with your family to a local cemetery. As you walk round look at the names on the headstones and say a prayer or two for those who have been laid to rest there.

