

Remembrance Sunday

Invite parishioners to wear uniform (Regular & Reserve Forces, Cadets, Scouts and Guides) and/or to wear their own medals (on the left) or the medals of close relatives (on the right).

Those in uniform could be involved with the Act of Remembrance (reading, laying the wreath etc.) and with the Mass (welcoming, reading, collection, offertory procession, extraordinary ministers of holy communion). Flags and banners could also be processed in and out at the beginning and end of Mass.

Encourage parishioners to talk about relatives who have died in wars and conflicts during coffee after Mass (medals worn on the right are an indication for other people).

Act of Remembrance

This may take place

1. Before Mass begins
2. During Mass (incorporated into the Prayer of the Faithful)
3. Following the Prayer After Communion and before the Blessing and Dismissal

Option 1 is the most common but options 2 and 3 could be used especially when the Mass begins at 1030 or 1000, so that the silence occurs close to/at 1100.

A Sample Act of Remembrance is given at Appendix I.

A roll of honour of those who have died in war and conflict from the parish could also be incorporated into the Act of Remembrance before the silence (immediately before "*They shall grow not old*").

Last Post & The Rouse (Music at Appendix II).

Consider possible contacts for buglers (school music departments or local cadet units) or recordings from You Tube could be used (versions are available which incorporate the silence – 1 minute silence - 2 minute silence).

Wreath laying (this could be done in front of the altar, at a war memorial, or below a memorial window). Wreaths are available from The Royal British Legion:

<http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/remembrance/how-we-remember/wreaths/>

NB Apply early for wreaths needed for Remembrance Sunday as pressure is considerable from October onwards. Applications received after the third week of October cannot be guaranteed to be delivered in time for Remembrance Sunday.

Prayer of the Faithful

One of the following may be used or adapted according to local needs

For peace and reconciliation between nations;
that enemies may put aside all differences.

For all those who have died through war or acts of violence;
may we never forget their sacrifice.

Liturgical Texts

One Mass for the Dead is permitted on this Sunday (Violet or Black).

Prayers – Appendix III

Preface For The Dead I – V (Roman Missal Pages 656-665)

Hymns & Music

Abide with Me

O God Our Help in Ages Past

Eternal Father (Tri-service version available at Appendix IV)

For the Fallen (Mark Blatchly)

For the Fallen (Douglas Guest)

Nimrod (Edward Elgar)

Solemn Melody (Henry Walford Davies)

For a full list of Hymns, Anthems & Organ Music see A Season of Remembrance RSCM.

Resources

They Shall Grow Not Old. Liturgies for Remembrance. Brian Elliot. Canterbury Press, Norwich, 2013.

A Season of Remembrance. Resources for Remembrance Sunday and for Marking the Centenary of the Outbreak of World War I. The Royal School of Church Music. 2014.

<https://www.rscm.com/music-and-resources/our-magazines/planning-worship/>

An Order of Service for Remembrance Sunday. Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (prepared with The Joint Liturgical Group of Great Britain and The Royal British Legion). 2005. <https://ctbi.org.uk/remembrance-sunday/>

Appendix I

The Act of Remembrance

Remembrance

The presiding minister says

Let us remember before God,
and commend to his sure keeping;
those who have died for their country in conflict;
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

A second voice may say

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.

All **We will remember them.**

(The Last Post)

The Silence

(The Reveille)

Kohima Epitaph

Another voice may say

When you go home tell them of us and say:
'For your tomorrow, we gave our today.'

Wreath laying and other ceremonies may take place here, or after the commemoration.

Commemoration

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
Hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Alternative Text for the Commemoration

Ever-living God,
we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Appendix II

Last Post

♩ = 132

Musical score for 'Last Post' in 2/4 time, tempo 132. The score consists of seven staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 2/4 time signature. The music features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some notes marked with accents and slurs. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Rouse / Reveille

♩ = 100

Musical score for 'Rouse / Reveille' in 2/4 time, tempo 100. The score consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 2/4 time signature. The music features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some notes marked with accents and slurs. The piece concludes with a double bar line. The second staff begins with a treble clef and a 2/4 time signature. The music features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some notes marked with accents and slurs. The piece concludes with a double bar line. The tempo is marked as 'slower' with a tempo of 90.

Appendix III

Entrance Antiphon

(Cf. Rev. 14:13)

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.
Let them rest from their labours,
for their good deeds go with them.

Collect

Almighty everlasting God,
who sent your Son to die that we might live,
grant, we pray, eternal rest
to those who gave themselves
in service and sacrifice for their country.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, O heavenly Father,
that the sacrifice of Christ,
who laid down his life for his friends,
may raise all those who have died in war
to the victory of eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface for the Dead, pp. 656-665

Communion Antiphon

(Cf. Jn 15:13)

Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friends, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

By our communion with this Sacrament, O Lord,
grant us, we pray,
fortitude in the cause of right,
and may our remembrance of those who have died in war
make us ardent defenders of your peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

Appendix IV

Eternal Father

A version of 'The Naval Hymn' for all three Services

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bid'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee,
for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, the Universal Lord,
who suffered death by nails and sword,
from all assault of deadly foe
sustain thy soldiers where they go;
and evermore hold in thy hand
all those in peril on the land.

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace,
Who fills with strength the human race,
Inspire us all to know the right;
Guide all who dare the eagle's flight;
And underneath thy wings of care
Guard all from peril in the air.

O Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to thee,
Praise from the air, the land and sea.

verses 1,4: William Whiting (1825–78); verses 2,3: Brian Elliot