

Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> November (Monday)

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A field of red poppies in the foreground, with a blue sky and a faint rainbow in the background.

**Armistice Day is on 11 November and is also known as Remembrance Day. It marks the day World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918.**

**The anniversary is used to remember all the people who have died in all wars - not just World War One.**

**Let us take a minute to think about all those who have lost their lives so that we may live as free people.**



A vibrant field of red poppies under a blue sky with wispy clouds. The poppies are in full bloom, with bright red petals and dark centers. The sky is a deep blue with soft, white clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and beautiful.

Let us offer up our reflections to our Lord by praying:

**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.  
Amen.**

The background of the image is a faded, grayscale illustration. It depicts a soldier in silhouette, wearing a helmet and carrying a rifle, standing on a grassy field. In the background, there is a simple wooden cross. The foreground is filled with large, vibrant red poppies. The overall tone is somber and respectful.

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A background image of a vast field of red poppies in the foreground, with rolling hills and a blue sky featuring a faint rainbow in the distance.

At the outbreak of war in 1914 a campaign for volunteers was launched, thousands answered the call to fight.

These brave soldiers gave their lives in service to their country. They put themselves in danger to defend us back at home.

Among them were 250,000 boys and young men under the age of 19.

Some of them were young boys not much older than our Year 11 students. In World War I alone, it is believed that 18,000 'Boy Soldiers' between the ages 15- 18 years old were killed.





Let us take a moment to remember that children are still being used to fight in conflicts around the world. We ask our Heavenly mother Mary to intercede for us as we ask for the end of child exploitation in war. Let us say together;

Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed are 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.



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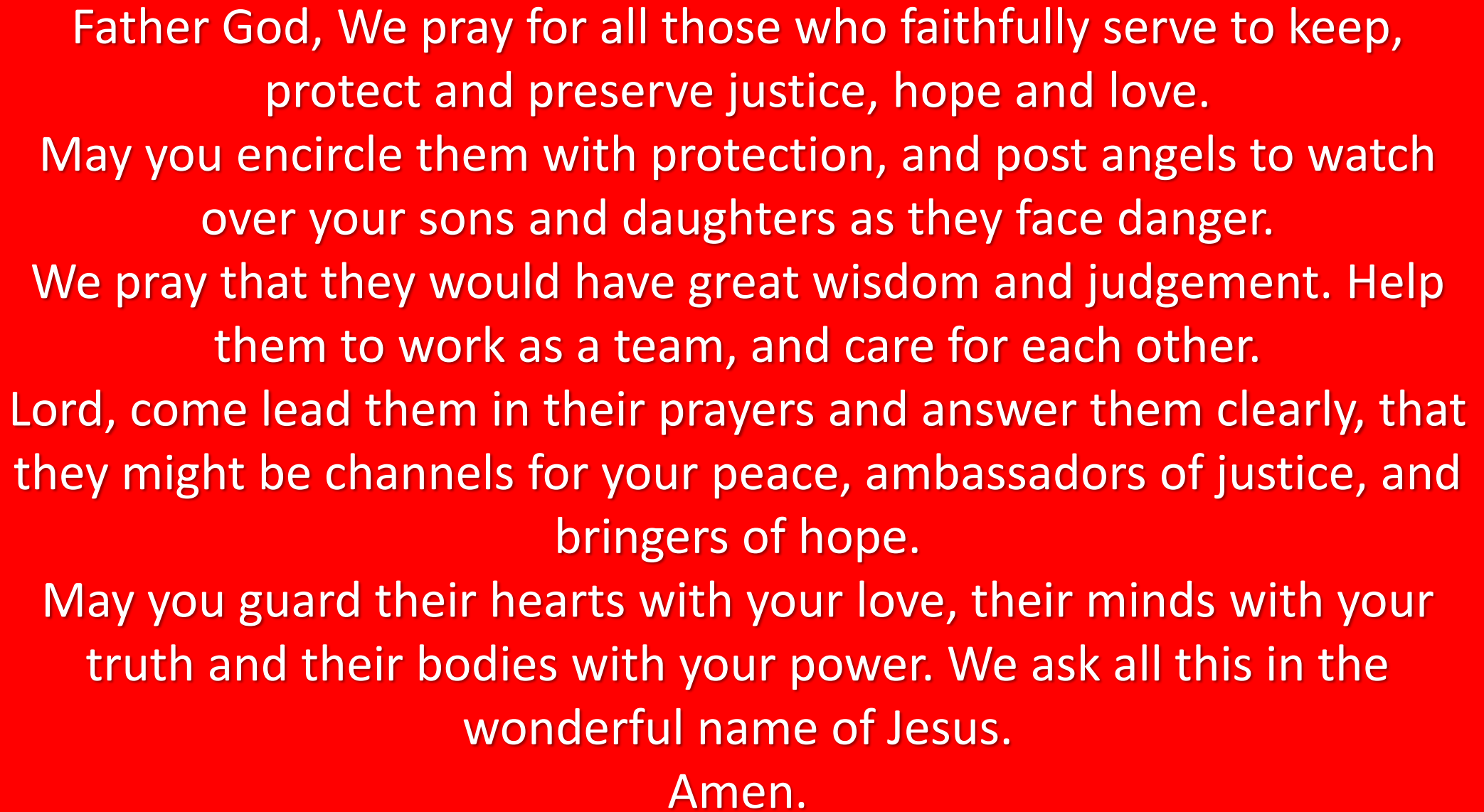
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A vibrant field of red poppies stretches across the foreground, with green stems and leaves visible. In the background, a clear blue sky is adorned with a faint, multi-colored rainbow arching across the horizon. The overall scene is peaceful and symbolic, often associated with Remembrance Day.

**Remembrance Day also honours those who continue to serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life.**

**Let us take a moment to think of those around the world now who are fighting for the freedom and dignity of their fellow man.**





Father God, We pray for all those who faithfully serve to keep,  
protect and preserve justice, hope and love.  
May you encircle them with protection, and post angels to watch  
over your sons and daughters as they face danger.  
We pray that they would have great wisdom and judgement. Help  
them to work as a team, and care for each other.  
Lord, come lead them in their prayers and answer them clearly, that  
they might be channels for your peace, ambassadors of justice, and  
bringers of hope.  
May you guard their hearts with your love, their minds with your  
truth and their bodies with your power. We ask all this in the  
wonderful name of Jesus.  
Amen.

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**It wasn't just soldiers who lost their lives in WWI.** 179 British Army chaplains died in the First World War. Three of them were awarded Victoria Cross medals. A further 96 royal armed forces chaplains died in the Second World War. Many died while giving soldiers sacraments on the battlefields.



Priests and clergymen play an important part in our lives. They help us to connect to God through the Sacrament of Mass and Reconciliation and so much more. Let us never forget what a difference they make in our lives.



Let us take a moment to pray for our priests and the work they do for us and the whole world as we say together:

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

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*“If one member suffers in the body of Christ which is the Church, all members suffer with that member.” 1 Corinthians 12:26.*

Catholic teaching regarding praying for the dead is connected with scripture, tradition and the doctrine of the *communion of saints*, which is part of the Creed.

As Catholics, we believe those who have died are separated from us physically, though spiritually they remain connected to us. Death does not sever the bonds of communion. During the month of November the Catholic Church prays for all those who have gone before us; it is known as the month of the dead.



A vibrant field of red poppies stretches across the foreground, with their delicate petals and green stems clearly visible. In the background, a soft-focus landscape shows rolling hills under a deep blue sky. A faint, multi-colored rainbow arches across the upper portion of the sky, adding a serene and hopeful atmosphere to the scene.

**Let us pray for all those who have died as we say  
together;**

**Eternal rest grant to 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.**

The background of the entire image is a faded, grayscale photograph of a World War I soldier in silhouette, carrying a pack and walking past a large wooden cross in a field. In the foreground, there are several large, vibrant red poppies.

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