

Crosslacon Parish Remembrance Service

Words of Welcome

We meet in the presence of God remembering all who have given their lives in the service of others, all who have suffered and are suffering through war and conflict.

We gather once again to affirm our commitment to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation in the world, that all peoples may together live in freedom, justice and peace.

*“What does the Lord require of us?
To do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly
with our God” Micah 6:8.*

We will be observing a two minute silence, as close to 11am as we can. The silence will commence with “The Last Post”, emblematic of the end of the day, when lights are dimmed. It is played for all who have died.

The silence is for us to pray for all who have suffered, for all who continue to suffer and for all who have died as a result of conflict and war.

The silence will come to a close with the playing of the Reveille, the call to awake, to newness of life. It is a symbol of hope and resurrection and affirmation that our lives are in the hands of God.

Hymn: O God our Help in Ages past

**1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;**

**2 Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.**

**3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,**

to endless years the same.

**4 A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**

**5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.**

**6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.**

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Act of Remembrance

Let us remember before God and commend to God’s safekeeping people of all nations who have died as a result of war, tyranny and violence; those who we have known and whose memories we treasure and those whose names have been forgotten: We remember all who have given their lives in the service of humankind; all who have given their lives for freedom, justice and the hope of peace.

They shall not grow 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.
We will remember them.

The Placing of Wreath before the Altar

The Last Post

Two minutes silence

The Reveille

We pray together:

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,
Amen**

Act of Confession

Let us remember before God,
Sins of division and conflict in our own lives.

God of Peace

Lead us in the ways of peace.

For all our attempts to control and triumph over
others.

God, forgive us.

For our trust in might and in violence

God, forgive us.

For our hidden hatred and prejudices

God, forgive us.

For turning a blind eye to evil

God, forgive us.

For standing by whilst others suffer.

God, forgive us.

For our silence when peace is challenged.

God, forgive us.

God of Peace,

Lead us in the ways of peace. Amen

Absolution

May God who loved the world so much that he
sent his Son to be our saviour, forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Collect

God our Refuge and strength,

bring near the day when wars cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
That earth may know the peace of heaven
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Bible Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the
mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples
came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught
them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be
comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the
earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive
mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see
God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be
called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for
righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and
persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you
falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they
persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Reflection

Prayers of Intercession

(Written by Helen Goldsworthy).

On this Remembrance Sunday, let us pray for the
world, the church and all people.

Lord we remember those who have lost their lives,
help us to renew our fight against cruelty and

injustice, against prejudice, tyranny and oppression.

Lord we pray for peace in our hearts and the hearts of all.

Lord in your mercy

Today we remember especially those victims of the two world wars including those close to us and our community. We remember those who came home with terrible injuries, both physical and psychological and those whose loved ones never returned. We pray for Elizabeth our Queen who like her father shows great courage and leadership in times of need.

Lord in your mercy

Lord God, we pray for the leaders of the nations at this time, asking you to give strength and courage to those who bear heavy responsibilities for establishing peace in the world. We ask you to give guidance to all who negotiate a new look to Europe and help them work together through Brexit .

Lord in our mercy

We pray for the Christian Church around the world but especially in our diocese. We Remember in our prayers Nicki and Becky the clergy of our parish and all who support them. Give them strength in these difficult times.

Lord in your mercy

Merciful God, we pray for all who are ill in the world and ask you give guidance to everyone trying to fight Covid and all other diseases attacking humanity. We ask you give strength and guidance to all looking after the sick. We pray for everyone suffering through poverty and war and offer our prayers and thanks to all agencies trying to support these people.

Lord in your mercy

On this day of remembrance our hearts and prayers go out to all who mourn the loss of those they have loved. Give us strength and understanding to honour and cherish the memories

we hold. We remember at this time that Jesus Christ is the light of the world. which eternally shines and brings hope to all.

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Hymn: All My Hope in God is Founded

- 1 **All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.**
- 2 **Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.**
- 3 **God's great goodness ay endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of nought.
Evermore,
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.**
- 4 **Daily doth the almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.**
- 5 **Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.**

**Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.**

*Meine Hoffnung stehet feste Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
Paraphrased Robert Bridges (1844-1930)*

Act of Commitment

Let us affirm our commitment to peace in the words of St Francis:

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring love.
Where there is offence, let me bring pardon.
Where there is discord, let me bring union.
Where there is error, let me bring truth.
Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.
Where there is despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.
O Master, let me not seek as much
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love,
for it is in giving that one receives,
it is in self-forgetting that one finds,
it is in pardoning that one is pardoned,
it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life.**

The Kohima Epitaph.

When you go home
Tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow
We gave our today.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will.

Merciful God,
We offer you the fears in us that have not yet been
cast out by love;

May we accept the hope you have placed in the
hearts of all your people,
And live lives of justice, courage and compassion.
Amen

The National Anthem

**God save our gracious Queen,
long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.**

Blessing

May God lead you from death to life,
From falsehood to truth.
Lead you from despair to hope,
From fear to trust.
Lead you from hatred to love,
From war to peace.
Let the peace of God fill your hearts, your world,
your universe:
And the blessing of God Almighty,
The Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you
and your loved ones now and always. Amen