



This Sunday's Gospel Reading

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

So the Jews said to him, 'What sign do you show us for doing these things?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.



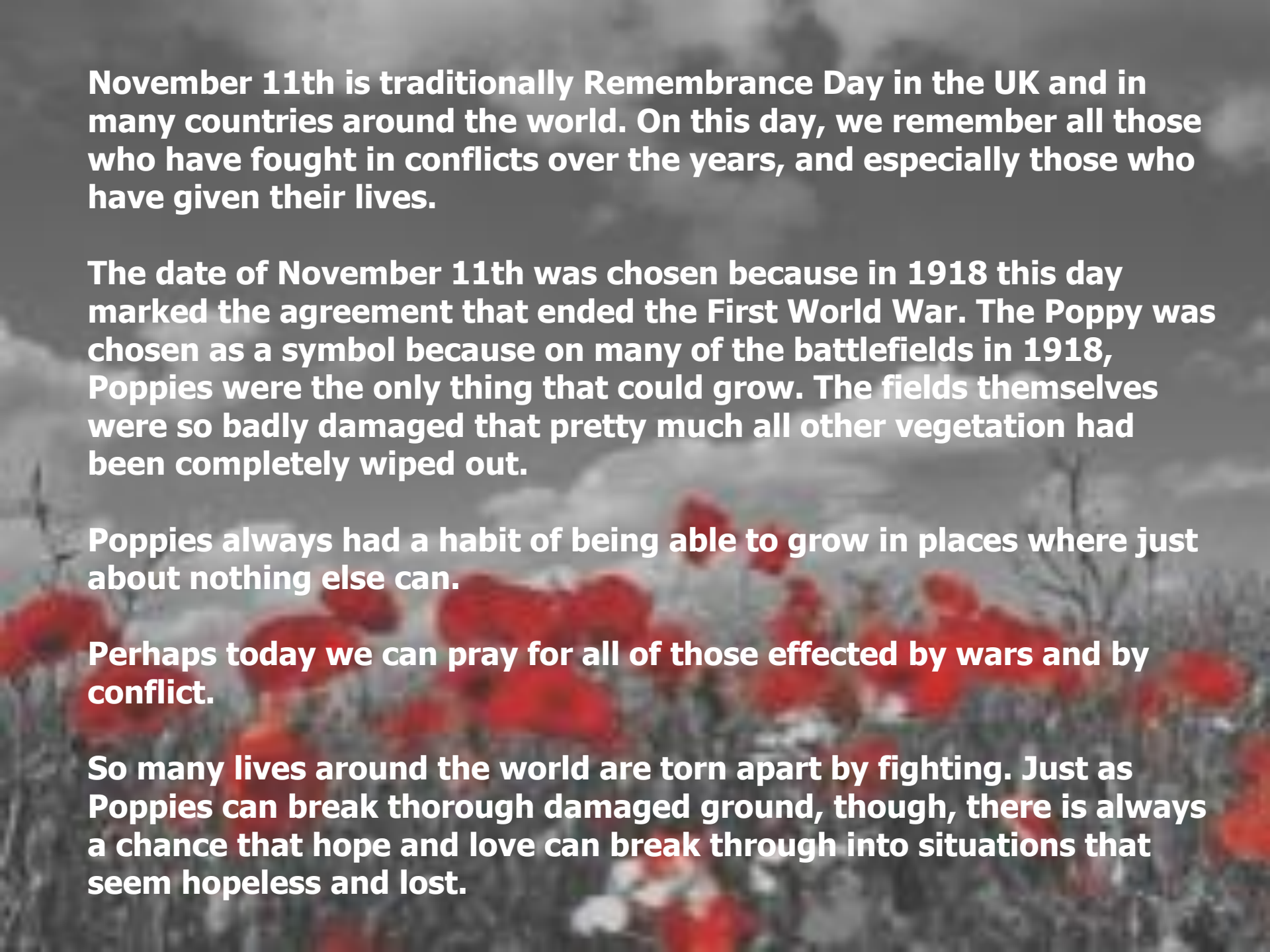
This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer One

The Sign of the Cross

We come together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Reflection: Most of our weekly themes are based on the readings from Sunday's Mass, but this week we have chosen a theme based on something else.



November 11th is traditionally Remembrance Day in the UK and in many countries around the world. On this day, we remember all those who have fought in conflicts over the years, and especially those who have given their lives.

The date of November 11th was chosen because in 1918 this day marked the agreement that ended the First World War. The Poppy was chosen as a symbol because on many of the battlefields in 1918, Poppies were the only thing that could grow. The fields themselves were so badly damaged that pretty much all other vegetation had been completely wiped out.

Poppies always had a habit of being able to grow in places where just about nothing else can.

Perhaps today we can pray for all of those effected by wars and by conflict.

So many lives around the world are torn apart by fighting. Just as Poppies can break thorough damaged ground, though, there is always a chance that hope and love can break through into situations that seem hopeless and lost.

Final Prayer:

Loving Father,

You alone can give us the love and the hope to bring healing and peace.

We ask you today to be with all those affected by war. Those who have lost loved ones, those who have been injured, and those whose lives have been torn apart.

In the name of the Father and of the Son...

Prayer Two

The Sign of the Cross

Let us remember that everything we do is
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Reflection:

When remembrance day comes around we traditionally think about the sacrifices of war. But it's also a good chance to think about peace, and about how we can all help to bring it about in the world.

The thing about peace is that it can be broken by the very simplest of things. Somebody once described peace by saying this:

You can't have peace in the world without peace in the country. You can't have peace in the country without peace in the town. You can't have peace in the town without peace in each street. You can't have peace in the street without peace in each home. And you can have peace in each home without peace in each heart.

Perhaps we can conclude from this that world peace may never be possible. It's a grim thought. But, on the other hand, maybe there is a more positive way to look at it...

If each and every one of us can be at peace with ourselves and at peace with those around us, then we will make a difference.

By being at peace with those around us, and by being peaceful, caring people ourselves, then we, in our own small way are contributing toward the peace of the world.



Final Prayer

Loving Father,

In this week where we remember conflicts and give thanks to those who fought on our behalf, we pray for the gift of peace.

Bring healing and peace to the troubled parts of the world, and bring that same healing and peace to the hearts of us all.

In the name of the Father and of the Son...

Prayer Three

The Sign of the Cross

**Let us remember that everything we do is
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

Reflection:

***These weeks theme is Remembrance
and this ties in with the month of
Remembrance for those who have died
that the church keeps in November***

The background of the entire image is a vibrant red color. It is covered with numerous small, irregular pieces of red paper, some of which are slightly darker or lighter in shade, creating a textured, collage-like effect. In the center of the image, there is a prominent, solid black dot. The text is overlaid on this background in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

In today's tutor time we remember people that we know who have passed away...

Take a piece of red paper and write down the name of the person that you would like to remember...

These names will be displayed in your tutor room. You could make a central black dot with white writing saying for "XXX (Tutor group) remembers, then each little red square will go towards the making of one big poppy collage.

Final Prayer

**Lord we offer up all these people's names
to you ...**

**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.

Final Thought...

When someone
you love
becomes a
memory, the
memory
becomes a
treasure.



*Next weeks theme: **Endurance***