

## For the Fallen

by Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,  
England mourns for her dead across the sea.  
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,  
fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal  
sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.  
There is music in the midst of desolation  
and a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,  
straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.  
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,  
they fell with their faces to the foe.

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.

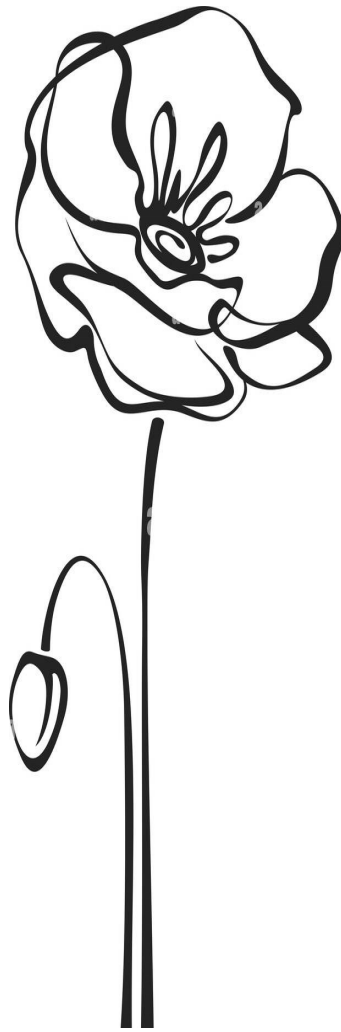
They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;  
they sit no more at familiar tables of home;  
they have no lot in our labour of the day-time;  
they sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,  
felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,  
to the innermost heart of their own land they are known  
as the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,  
moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,  
as the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,  
to the end, to the end, they remain.

(First published in The Times newspaper on 21 September 1914.)

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let Your perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed  
rest in peace. Amen.***



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## Sunday 10th November 2024

### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Widow's Offering (Mark 12:38-44), consider this reflection.

We are presented in the gospel with a contrast between the dignitaries of the Temple, parading in their splendour, and the least of the least. These little coins of the widow are called lepta, meaning 'light', hardly more than shavings of copper, hardly worth picking up. Yet the value of a gift depends not on its absolute worth, but in the love with which it is given.

The value of a birthday present depends on the love which it expresses, and the care which has gone into choosing or making it. One can imagine the widow debating with herself: if she made this supreme gift to the Lord, could she survive without these two little coins. What would she have to go without? As with the Sidonian widow in the first reading overleaf, this paltry gift is a rich expression of the widow's trust in divine love and care, and of her wanting to do something for the Lord. The little gift would go unnoticed among the riches of the exquisite and lavish Temple building, for its splendour was the wonder of the eastern Mediterranean, but her offering is a heartfelt expression of her love. Just so with our prayer of praise: it is the joyful outpouring of our love. *What gift could you give to the Lord?*

**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

## **NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES**

### **SHAPING THE FUTURE - YOUR INPUT NEEDED**

Parish life has changed. It is up to us to realise and tackle some of the local challenges faced by our churches. Join us on Sat 16th Nov at St Mary's Comprehensive, 10am - 2.30pm for an important day of reflection led by the Jesuit Fathers.

Termed 'sustainable spirituality' we will be looking at ways faith and spirituality can be supported with fewer priests and less opportunities for traditional engagement. Please come along if you can.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Monday 11th November

Led by Deacon Alison Rebello at St Aidan's from 6pm. All are very welcome.

### **CONFESSION:** Saturday 23rd November, 11am at St Mary's

\*\* No confession on Saturday 16th November \*\*

### **PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025**

To register, please speak to Fr Hall or collect a form from St Mary's High School. First session takes place on Tues 3rd December, 6.45pm - 8.15pm at St Teresa's. The Confirmation Mass is on Thursday 26th June 2025.

### **COLLECTIONS:** 3rd November 2024

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £203.00 / Envelopes: £72.00 / Hall hire: £90.00

St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £273.95 / Envelopes: £23.00 / Donations: £60.00

Candles: £20.62 / Friday Coffee Morning: £81.00 (People's Kitchen)

For details about Gift Aid or donating via standing order, please email parishsecretary@mail.com. Thank you for your continued support.

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:** All parishioners welcome to attend

St Aidan's - Tuesday 26th November, 7pm

St Mary's - Wednesday 27th November, 7pm

Minutes are available on our websites with hard copies in the hall.

Agenda items can be left in offertory baskets or emailed to

NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk

### **NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES:** a new way to get in touch

Please use NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk for any parish enquiries.

To contact Fr Hall privately, please use sean.hall@diocesehn.org.uk

The telephone number remains the same: - 0191 268 4222.

### **MASS INTENTIONS:** w/c 10th November 2024

Sat 9th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	John Bradford
Sun 10th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Remembrance Sunday
Sun 10th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Remembrance Sunday
* Mon 11th (St Aidan's)	6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
Tues 12th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Wed 13th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
Thurs 14th (St Aidan's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri 15th (St Mary's)	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
* Sat 16th	<i>Building a Community of Hope—Journeying with Christ</i>	
Sat 16th (St Mary's)	5.30pm	Colin Bradford
Sun 17th (St Aidan's)	9.15am	Elizabeth & Thomas Lamming & Geoffrey Porthouse
Sun 17th (St Mary's)	11.00am	D'cd members of Maher Family

**For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches**

*"Life is a journey. When we stop, things don't go right." – Pope Francis*

### **PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:**

17th November - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ's offering in obedience was complete.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14. 18

### **CHILDREN'S PRAYER:**

Christ Jesus, we know that one day you will come again.

Help us to be ready when the time comes. Amen.

### **WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:**

Those who have died recently: Gloria Underwood.

Those in our parishes who are sick or who may need our thoughts and prayers. And those of our parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

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