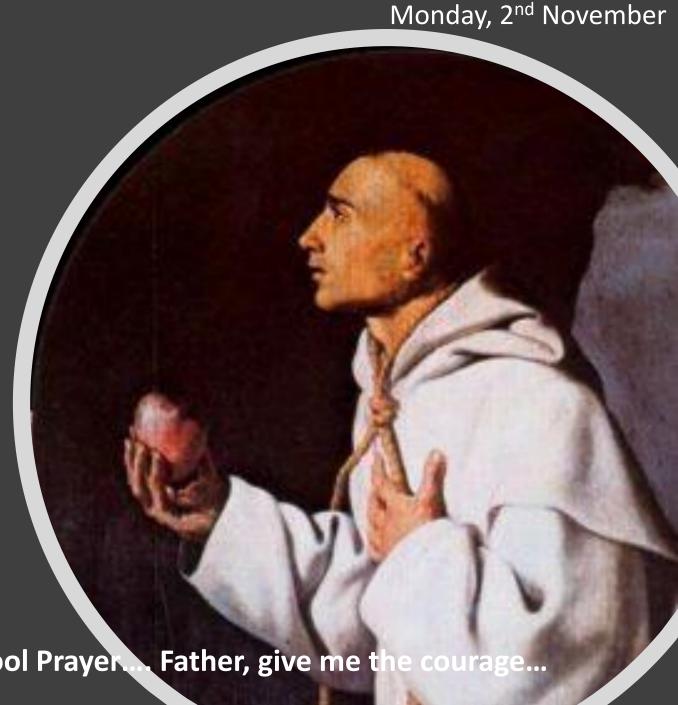
**Saint John Houghton** 

In 1534, as a result of the Act of Supremacy, Henry VIII became the Supreme Head of the Church of England. This went against Catholicism and Saint John Houghton stood up for his faith. He pleaded for an exemption but was refused and arrested by Thomas Cromwell. He was sentenced to death by a special commission in April 1535. He was hanged, drawn and quartered at Tyburn on 4 May 1535.



Let us stand together and pray our School Prayer.

**Dr Flora Murray and Dr Louisa Garrett** Anderson

Suffragettes, who opened the Endell Street Military Hospital which was working with an all-women staff. They worked hard to show to the world that women can do the same jobs as men and to save those who got injured while they were serving their country.

Today I will say a prayer for those who fought for my freedom.

I will not forget the people who walked, marched, demonstrated, starved, and gave their lives and for better working conditions, to end child slavery, for the women Suffragettes who persisted in their fight for votes for women for almost 100 years

For those who gave their lives for their daughters to be seen as human beings, with equal rights to men; today I will say a prayer of thanksgiving from my heart

Lord, welcome them into your Kingdom



**Len Johnson** 

In December 1940, when Manchester became the seventh most heavily bombed city in Britain during the Second World War, Len Johnson, known as the city's 'Uncrowned King of Boxing', joined a civil defence heavy rescue squad and helped save folk who were trapped in their houses during air raids.

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November

Loving God, forgive us for the hurt we have caused to your creation. Give us the courage and grace to serve one another as Len Johnson did in 1940. His brave acts for his fellow men have not been forgotten.

**Billie Holiday** 

African-American jazz singer in America, lived between 1915-1959. She had a troubled childhood, experienced neglect and abuse, lived with several carers. When she started to sing, she drawn attention to the race question in the States. One of her famous songs, the Strange Fruit was based on a poem written by Jewish schoolteacher Abel Meeropol, the song is about the lynching of African Americans. Holiday initially feared retribution when she first performed Strange Fruit live in 1939. However, the haunting song proved popular amongst audiences and was welcomed by those trying to reform America.

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> November Today my prayer is for all who have raised their voices to protest the lynching of Black Americans. Lord have Mercy on us all. Amen.

**Peter Moro** 

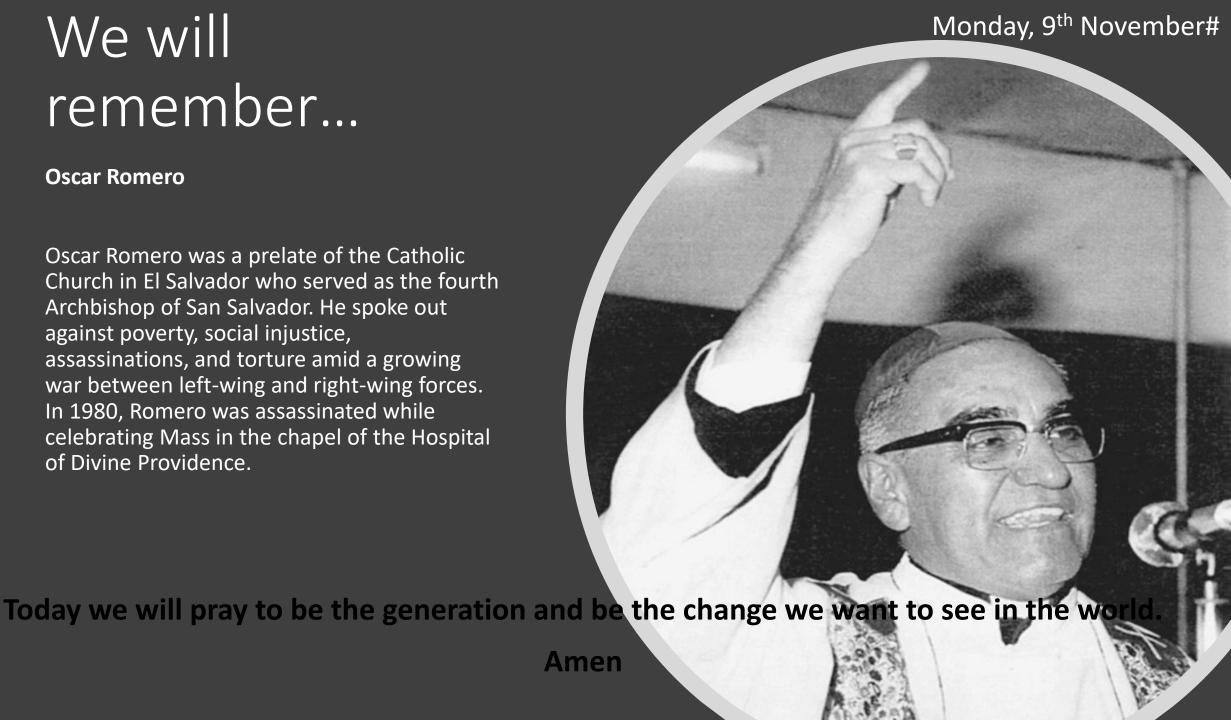
Peter Moro was born in Germany in 1911. As he's grandmother was Jewish, he moved to London in 1936 with no money and limited English to escape from the Nazis. He was an architect who designed several buildings and theatres all over the country, such as The Playhouse in Nottingham and the Theatre Royal in Plymouth.

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November

The Lord in my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. These words from Ps 22 give us comfort as we remember Peter Moro and give thanks to all the joy, we receive from visiting the theatre.

**Oscar Romero** 

Oscar Romero was a prelate of the Catholic Church in El Salvador who served as the fourth Archbishop of San Salvador. He spoke out against poverty, social injustice, assassinations, and torture amid a growing war between left-wing and right-wing forces. In 1980, Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass in the chapel of the Hospital of Divine Providence.



#### **Louisa Bicknell**

Louisa Bicknell was born in Australia in 1879. In April 1915 she enlisted in the Australian Army Nursing Service and embarked for Egypt on the Kyarra. She was stationed at Heliopolis, Cairo at the No.1 Australian General Hospital. Bicknell sustained a scratch on her hand while nursing wounded soldiers, and developed pyaemia, a type of infection. She was ill for about six days and died on 25 June 1915. Before she died, it was reported that she said: "How hard it is to die with so little accomplished, but I would go through it all again to help." Bicknell is buried in the Cairo War Memorial Cemetery.



Today we will remember the doctors and nurses who gave their lives to care for others. May they rest in peace Amen.

### **Roland Hazell**

Roland Hazell was born and lived in Ilkeston before the First World War. He joined the army at the beginning of the war. On the picture you can see his widow and his 4 children who stayed behind after he died for his country on the front line.



Today I will pray for all the widows and the children who have lost their daddy's to war. Be with them lord. Comfort them and give them your peace. Amen.

Muhammad Ali

Famous boxer in the United States of America during one of the most turbulent periods for race relations in American history. In 1984 Ali was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease but he was determined to carry on making a difference. He made goodwill missions to Afghanistan and North Korea, he brought medical supplies to Cuba and even helped to secure the release of 15 American hostages from Iraq before the 1990 Gulf War; all in spite of his own suffering. Lived between 1942-2016 Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> November

Today Lord we remember Muhammad Ali.

We remember his courage, his determination to make a difference in the world. Help us Lord to hear Your call so we may too use our gifts to give glory back to you.

**George Green** 

Famous mathematician and physicist. He was born in Nottingham as the son of a baker. He had to work in his father's mill from the age of 5 and he only received proper education for a year between age 8 and 9. Therefore Green's life story is remarkable as he was almost entirely self-taught. After his father died, in his late 30s, he enrolled and graduated from Cambridge University. Lived between 1793-1841

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November

I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in me has eternal life and does not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to live.

**Maximilian Kolbe** 

Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish Catholic Priest who volunteered to die in place of a stranger in the German death camp of Auschwitz. At the beginning of the Second World War Kolbe provided shelter to refugees from Greater Poland, including 2,000 Jews whom he hid from German persecution and helped to circulate anti-Nazi German publications. When he was imprisoned by the Gestapo, he volunteered to die in place of German stranger. Before he died he had been starved and deprived of water for two weeks but he did not loose his faith but helped the other prisoners by prayer.

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> November

Please pray one Hail Mary for the intentions of Kolbe House Charity: Mary's Meals. Thank you.

**Helen Keller** 

Helen Keller was a writer, journalist, activist, ambassador, deaf, blind. Graduated for university and inspired the world which she could never hear or see. She was an activist by example, she wrote about and campaigned against prejudices towards people with disabilities. Lived between 1880-1968

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November

Please make this prayer today in recognition of Helen Keller who campaigned against prejudices towards people with disabilities. We will not forget.

William Hackett

William Hackett was born in 1873 in Nottingham. After being rejected three times by the York and Lancaster Regiment for being too old, Hackett enlisted in the British Army on 25 October 1915, despite having been diagnosed with a heart condition. He served with 254th Tunnelling Company, Corps of Royal Engineers. He was 43 years old and a Sapper in British Army during the First World War when he performed a deed for which he was awarded the Victoria Cross on 22 June/23 June 1916 at Shaftesbury Avenue Mine, near Givenchylès-la-Bassée, France. Hackett died in an attempt to help fellow miners when a tunnel collapsed at Shaftesbury Avenue Mine on 26 June 1916.

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November

Saint Barbara is the Parton Saint of Tunnelling. Today we will pray to Saint Barbara to bring all who have lost their lives in mines and tunnels to our Lord Jesus Christ this day. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. Amen.

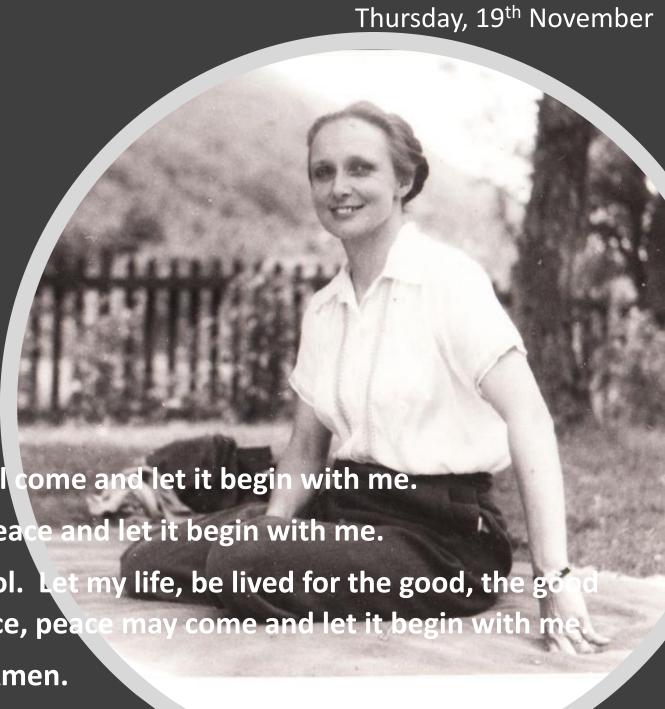
Freda Bedi

Was born in Derby in 1911, also known as Sister Palmo or Gelongma Karma Kechog Palmo. She was a British woman who was jailed in India as a supporter of Indian nationalism and was the first Western woman to take full ordination in Tibetan Buddhism.

Peace, peace will, peace will come and let it begin with me.

We, we need, we need peace and let it begin with me.

Oh, my own life is all that I hope to control. Let my life, be lived for the good, the go of my soul. Let it bring peace, deep peace, peace may come and let it begin with m



John Peake Knight

John Peake Knight was born 1828 and attended Nottingham High School until the age of 12. In 1866, in a year when 1,102 people died on roads in London, Knight created the first traffic light. The world's first traffic light was installed on 9 December 1868 in London near Westminster Bridge, at the intersection of Great George Street and Bridge Street, London SW1.

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November

Today we will look at traffic lights in a new way remembering John Peake Knight. We will stop when before we speak, we will give way to our neighbour and we will go in the right direction. Lord, please travel with us today.

Josephine Bakhita

Josephine Bakhita was born in 1869 in Dafur, now Western Sudan. When she was around 7-8 years old she was seized by Arab slave traders. She was forced to walk barefoot about 960 kilometres (600 mi) to El-Obeid and was sold and bought twice before she arrived there. Over the course of twelve years (1877–1889) she was sold three more times and then given away. In 1889, when she became free she stayed with the Canossian Sisters and she received her first Holy Communion in 1890. She stayed in Italy for the rest of her life where she worked in the community and helped those in need.

Josephine Bakhita: We will remember your example as we pray: O my Bod, because you are so good, I am sorry that I have sinned against you and by the help of your grace I will not sin again. Amen.



**Victor Hugo** 

Writer of the Les Misérables and The Hunchback of Notre Dame. Was born in France in 1802. He was fighting against death penalty and social injustice and was in favour of the freedom of press and self-government for Poland. Due to these political views he had to fled from France on several occasions.

Today we will remember Victor Hugo and spend a few moments remembering his works which are still alive today. In the famous song, 'Who am I' from Les Misérables, can we honestly say I am the best version of myself and make this our prayer today in his memory?

Saint John Houghton, pray for us...

Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> November

**Jacob Rivers** 

Jacob Rivers was fighting in the First World War, was born in Derby. He was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross during the First World War for his actions during the Battle of Neuve Chapelle in March 1915.



To be awarded a Victoria Cross is the highest British Award for gallantry, let us not forget all the brave men who fought for our freedom in First World War. Let us have a moment of silence as we remember Jacob Rivers from Derby.

Thank you. Please have a peaceful day.

**Gertrude Bell** 

First western woman to travel across Arabia. Famous geographer, map-maker and archaeologist. Created the National Museum of Iraq and helped to create the country itself after the First World War. First woman to get a First degree at History at Oxford University. Lived between 1868-1926

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> November

Lord, may You fulfil many girl's longing for wisdom and a better life. Bless them with a quality education, school supplies, and a family that supports their scholastic goals.

**John Boot** 

John Boot was born in 1815. Originally working in agriculture, he was forced by ill health to change careers and set up a shop to sell medicinal herbal remedies at Goose Gate, Nottingham. After his death, his son Jesse Boots expanded the business by opening other shops in poor areas across the country, eventually expanding it into the company Boots UK. John Boot invented the weekend in the 1930s after the Great Depression.

Thank God for the life and work of John Boot, we will remember Mr Boot by having fun this weekend! Amen to that!

Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November

**Adelaide Hall** 

In 1939, the internationally acclaimed jazz singer Adelaide Hall could have returned home to the safety of New York, but she decided to stay in London with her Trinidadian husband and entertain the British public and the troops. She had a special uniform made by Madame Adele of Grosvenor Street.

Today I will say a pray for the women who fought, all around the world, so that I can think and speak and write, freely, and make my own choices and stand by them without fear. That I may live as well as enjoy life for what it has to offer, to me and my friends, and family happily.

