

Holocaust Memorial Day

Monday 'Meaning'

Lent 1 : Week 4 - 2022-23

Tuesday 'Talks'



This week's **Sacred Time** theme is **Holocaust Memorial Day**.

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD, 27 January) is a national commemoration day in the United Kingdom dedicated to the remembrance of those who suffered in The Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution, and in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur. It was first held in January 2001 and has been on the same date every year since. The chosen date is the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp by the Soviet Union in 1945.

Why is it important to still remember and talk about the Holocaust?

The theme of Holocaust Memorial Day is, 'Ordinary People'. This year we are asked to think about how it was ordinary people that were affected. It was ordinary people that turned a blind and let terrible things happen to their friends and neighbours. It was also ordinary people who hurt, tortured and killed others. It was ordinary people like you and me!

And as a five year old, I could stand at the edge of the clearing where the trains were being loaded. People like sardines in those wooden trucks.

And the people loading them in – they were railway men, they didn't look terribly different from the railway men who check my tickets these days – they looked like ordinary people.

Dr Martin Stern MBE, Holocaust survivor

[Holocaust Memorial Day video](#) Watch this clip. **What is the message?**

'Try it' Tuesday

Each week for 'Try it' Tuesday, we will get an opportunity to put sacred time into action. We are all ordinary people today who can be extraordinary in our actions. We can all make decisions to challenge prejudice, stand up to hatred, to speak out against identity-based persecution, to shop responsibly, etc. **How can you stand up and take action against hatred?**



Wednesday 'Words of Wisdom'



Each week, we link the theme to scripture.

Ephesians 4:2-10

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

What do you think this means?

How can we live out this teaching in our homes, school and communities?

Read the Bible reading of the day [HERE](#).



Thursday 'Thoughtfulness'

Dear Lord,
God of the past, present, and future,
We remember today the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust, the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution, and all those who have been targeted and killed in subsequent genocides.
We pray that you will give us the strength and courage to not turn a blind eye when we see hatred and prejudice. Help us to stand up for what is right and to treat others as we want to be treated, just as you taught us.
Amen



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'Find out' Friday



Use the Holocaust Memorial site to find out about ordinary people who were the heroes and the victims of genocide - [Holocaust Memorial Day Trust | Resources \(hmd.org.uk\)](http://hmd.org.uk)

Find out about St. Maximilian Kolbe [The Saint of Auschwitz - YouTube](#)
What can we learn from him?



First they came for the communists,
and I didn't speak out because I wasn't a communist.
Then they came for the trade unionists,
and I didn't speak out because I wasn't a trade unionist.
Then they came for the Jews,
and I didn't speak out because I wasn't a Jew.
Then they came for me
and there was no one left to speak out for me.
-Martin Niemöller

How does this connect with this year's theme?