

Anzac Day 25th of April 2021

Bible References: Isaiah 2:4 ; Matthew 5:9 ;Matthew 24:6-7

“Lest We Forget”

Reasons people serve

- “Greater Love has no man than to lay down his life for his friends”
- Civic duty
- Family history of military service
- Belief in the political issue at the core of conflict
- Sense of adventure
- Search for significance or purpose in life
- Attracted to Discipline and order of the Defence Force lifestyle

The Theology of “Just War”

St Augustine of Hippo and Thomas Aquinas

“The purpose of all wars, is peace.” – Augustine

“They who have waged war in obedience to the divine command, or in conformity with His laws, have represented in their persons the public justice or the wisdom of government, and in this capacity have put to death wicked men; such persons have by no means violated the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill."^[19]

- Revenge is not a sufficient justification

What do we remember when we say “Lest we forget”...

- The deaths of millions of young adults (mainly men) in the conflict of World War 1 and subsequent wars.
- The service of many who returned from service in war zones.
- The ongoing effects in the lives of those who served (PTSD etc..)
- The deaths and suffering of millions of other people in war.
- The effects of war on people in every part of the world.

War is a controversial topic.

Wars have long lasting consequences

Wars are a symptom of living in a world corrupted by sin.

Pray for all who served.

Pray for all who have been effected by war.