



# BISHOPS' CONFERENCE PLENARY

ENGLAND & WALES

## Resolution: World War I

*Commemorations*

HINSLEY HALL, LEEDS, 5-8 MAY 2014

To mark the centenary of the First World War and remember all those who lost their lives in the conflict, the bishops of England and Wales encourage the Catholic community to participate in local civic or ecumenical celebrations.

The bishops will celebrate Requiem Masses in their Cathedrals on or near the six key dates which have been identified as part of the anniversary celebrations.

- 4 August 2014 –the centenary of entry of the British Empire to the War
- 25 April 2015 – the Gallipoli campaign
- 31 May/1 June 2016 – the Battle of Jutland commemorating the war at sea
- 1 July 2016 – the Battle of the Somme
- 31 July 2017 – the start of the 3rd Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele)
- 11 November 2018 – Armistice Day

Catholic parishes are asked to mark these important anniversaries on the nearest Sunday by offering Mass for all those who died and to pray in the intercessions for those currently serving in the armed forces, and for peace.