

END OF LIFE

A Lenten talk and discussion 2018

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- Death
- Dying
- Judgement
- Purgatory
- Heaven
- Resurrection of the body
- Families re-united?

The Catechism on:

Death/Dying

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- Death was contrary to God's plan, it is a consequence of sin. (CCC 1008 & 1018)
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Purgatory

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Purgatory is not a place of punishment
- The only exit from purgatory is to heaven, people are assured of their eternal salvation when they enter purgatory (CCC 1030)
- The existence of purgatory is why we pray for our dead (CCC 1032 & 1055)
- Other Christian denominations do not believe in the existence of Purgatory

Heaven

- Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfilment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness (CCC 1024)
- A place where evil and suffering do not exist
- We are united with all those who have gone before us - the communion of saints

The Last Judgement

- Souls and bodies reunited (CCC 1052)

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Hell

- The Church teaches that hell really exists (CCC 1035 & 1056)
- Hell is an eternal separation from God (CCC 1057)
- People go to hell because they consciously reject God in a big way, in a state of mortal sin (CCC 1035)
- No one is predestined to go to hell (CCC 1037)

Diocesan Prayer

God our Father, open the horizons of our minds and hearts so that we can see what hope your call holds for us.

Pour out the overflowing gifts of your Spirit so that we, your Church, may become a people of hope for our world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Our Lady, Woman of Hope: **Pray for us**

St Peter, Rock of Hope: **Pray for us**

St Paul Apostle of Hope: **Pray for us**