

THE CITY OF NEWPORT

**REPORT TO: STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

DATE: 14 FEBRUARY 2018

SUBJECT: HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE: 24 JANUARY 2018

This annual event is to pay respects and remember the victims of the Holocaust and other genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Sudan.

The theme for this year's annual event is "The Power of Words" which explores how language has been used in the past and how it is used in the present day.

With 27 January falling on a Saturday Newport City Council hosted the Holocaust Memorial Day in the city, with a special service at St Woolos on Wednesday 24 January.

- The service was officiated by the Very Venerable Lister Tonge.
- Prayers were led by Canon Mark Dimond and Father Daniel Stanton
- Very well attended, over 300 were at the service.
- Pupils from 24 Newport schools attended.
- St Josephs RC High School choir led the singing including renditions of 'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind', 'Abide with Me' and Sanctus from St Anne's Mass.
- Readings were by pupils from both John Frost School and Newport High School.
- St Josephs RC High School pupils led the prayers.
- Primary school pupils from St Marys Roman Catholic school led the candle procession through the cathedral with the names of holocaust victims being read out by a student of St Josephs High School. This procession was accompanied by singing from St Josephs High School choir.
- Music throughout the service was by Gwent Youth Brass Ensemble who performed Stal Himmel by Alan Fernie.
- Newport City Council was well represented with 12 councillors attending including the Deputy Leader and Leader of the Opposition. The Chief Executive was also present.
- Dignitaries included the Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff of Gwent, the Mayor & Mayoress and the Mayor's Chaplain.