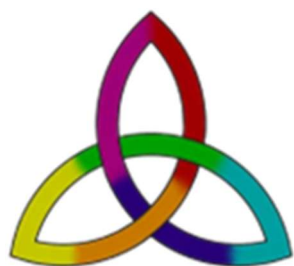


30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2025

Parish of The Most Holy and Undivided Trinity
The Catholic Church in
Grimsby, Cleethorpes & Immingham



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Newsletter



ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday, 2nd November

5.00pm - **Immingham** - Vigil Mass

6.00pm - **Grimsby** - Vigil Mass - Polish Language

9.00am - **Cleethorpes** - Mass

11.00am - **Grimsby** - Mass



ALL SOULS DAY

Monday, 3rd November

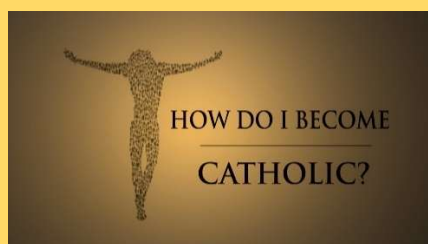
9.30am - **Grimsby** - Mass

11.30am - **Immingham** - Mass

6.30pm - **Cleethorpes** - Mass

7:00pm - **Grimsby** - Polish Language - Mass

Remember: The clocks go back by one hour this Sunday morning!



Would you like to join the Catholic Church as an Adult, or know someone who might? Beginning in November Fr Robbie and his team of Catechists will be running a formation course, which will meet every fortnight in the parish house in Grimsby. The journey will travel through Advent, Christmas & Lent teaching you all aspects of the faith in a gentle and enjoyable manner – leading to you being received into the Church at Easter 2026. **In the first instance, please contact the Parish Office.**

Parish Bulletin is emailed out on a Tuesday for the coming Sunday. Please do sign up for our mailing list via the link or scan the QR code, so you can receive the bulletin first ahead of each Sunday:



Sanctuary Lamps for Special Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp - Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Immingham

The Welfare of John Lawson

Sanctuary Lamp - Corpus Christi, Cleethorpes

The Welfare of Maria Caunt

Sanctuary Lamp - St Mary's on the Sea, Grimsby

Intentions of Cici Maria Bose

News for the Pews

Safeguarding Refresher Training

THIS IS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS who completed their training prior to 2025

It is good practise that all volunteers complete a refresher of safeguarding training annually and therefore wish to invite all volunteers to attend one of the training sessions listed below in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Cleethorpes. You only need attend **one session**, and each session will only last one hour.

Monday 10th November 6.00pm

OR

Wednesday 19th November 7.00pm

OR

Saturday 29th November 10.30am

We are very fortunate to have Mrs Emily McCullagh in our parish, whose role is National Strategic Safeguarding Advisor for the Strategic Council for Catholic Safeguarding, and she has very kindly offered to lead us with this training.

A register will be taken at each session, so our records can be updated. If for some reason you are not able to attend any of these session, please email: Sarah Pollard Deputy PSR

sarah.pollardPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk

and she will contact you to ensure you have access to the training before the end of the year. Thank you, for continued hard work in all you do within our Parish and for your understanding and commitment to safeguarding. Any concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with one of us.

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Parish Christmas Draw

...will take place on Saturday 29th November in the Parish Hall. Donation of prizes are always welcome, or money towards the cost of prizes can be offered. Donations of bottles, cosmetics or gifts that can be used on other stalls will also be gratefully received at any of our three churches. Please take raffle tickets and start selling them - to further the mission work of the parish.

Parish Christmas Lunch

Sunday 14th December.

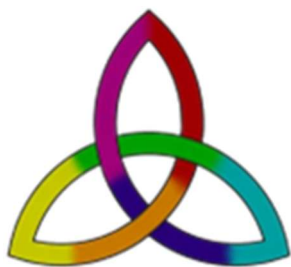
at The Humber Royal Hotel at 12.30pm

Menus and Booking Forms are at the back of each of our churches.

Why not come along to Fr Robbie's first Christmas Lunch with the Parish.

A Three Course Lunch at £22.50 per Adult & £15.00 for Under 14s

A great social afternoon – Raffle – Jumper Parade – Quiz
(All bookings to be made and paid for by Sunday 30th November please)



NEW

Parish Office Hours

Holy Trinity Presbytery
Grimsby, DN32 9DZ
01472 342301

Tuesday

9.00am until 12.30pm

Wednesday

9.00am until 12.30pm

Thursday

9.00am until 12.30pm

Outside of these times the office will not be available.

Fr Robbie's Friday Spiritual Surgery

Holy Trinity Presbytery
Grimsby, DN32 9DZ
01472 342301

Please prebook
with the parish office only

Each Friday Morning by
Appointment Only

Appointment Times Available:
9.00am, 10.00am and 11.00am

St Valentine's Beekeepers Honey



A new crop of honey is available. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to purchase some by 9.00am on 04/11/25. You will then be contacted after this date to arrange payment and collection from one of the three churches. A donation of £7.50 is asked for to support the volunteers caring for our hives through the year.

Thank you to the Bee Group for their hard work, care and enthusiasm. If you would like to volunteer in the group please contact the parish office.

News for the Pews

Fr Robbie's Induction Mass on Friday 31st October 2025 at 7.00pm, at Corpus Christi Church, Cleethorpes followed by tea & coffee in the parish hall

You are all kindly invited to my Mass of Induction, which will be celebrated by Canon Edward Jarosz VG. As we are one parish family, I hope that as many people as possible will gather on Friday 31st, when we will also formally welcome priests and deacons from across our deanery. Please do mark this date in your diary now! **Fr Robbie**

Remembrance Sunday 9th November 2025...

...is a day for the nation to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. Each year at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, we observe a Two Minute Silence.

Margaret Flavelle RIP - It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Margaret. She will be received into **St Marys, Grimsby** on **Tuesday 28th October at 4.30pm**. Her **Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 29th October at 11.00am**. Please keep the family and friends of Margaret in your thoughts and prayers.

SAFEGUARDING FOR UNDER 18'S.

Safeguarding is crucial for everyone who attends our Churches, to ensure we are all safe, is a role we all play, to some extent. We welcome Under 18's to carry out different ministries within our Parish, but in order for us all to be confident that these young people are safe, at all times, we must comply with the guidance given by the Diocesan safeguarding team.

Going forward no Under 18 (or Over 18) will ever be allowed to carry out a Parish ministry until all the appropriate paperwork has been completed, along with the appropriate level of training. The guidance is the same for U 18's as it is for over 18. The first part of the process is a discussion with Fr Robbie, in order to express your interest in a specific ministry, when it has been agreed then the paperwork starts.

If we have any Under 18 year old who would like to be more involved in the parish by carrying out a ministry, we have introduced a 'probationary period'. This means they can be supported and 'have a go' to see if the role suits them. The paperwork still has to be completed, prior to starting the ministry, by the parents and the young person, and appropriate training will be given. Once that has been completed U18 will wear an orange lanyard. After a period of an agreed time, when the U18 year old has shown a real commitment to the ministry they will then be given a blue lanyard and be placed on the appropriate rotas.

No one will ever be allowed to carry out any ministry, prior to the checks and training being completed. If we have any Under 18's who are carrying out a ministry and this paperwork has not been completed; it now needs to be completed retrospectively. Please contact Sarah Pollard Deputy PSR sarah.pollardPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Fr Robbie has asked if we can have this completed by the start of Advent. This is not onerous, but it is vital and not complying will mean the U 18 will not be able to carry out their role once Advent has started, until the paperwork has been completed. Any concerns please do contact one of us for further clarification. Thank you for your support in ensuring the safety of all our parishioners.



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Sunday: Yr. C - Weekday: Cycle I

Eucharistic Prayer: II - Psalter: II

Saturday 25th October - Feria

10.00am - Holy Hour in Corpus Christi

10.00am until Noon - Confessions in Corpus Christi

5.00pm - Immingham - Vigil - Marie & Tony Gaughan - Ruth Solomon & Family

6.00pm - Grimsby - Polish Language Vigil Mass

Sunday 26th October - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am - Cleethorpes - Mass - People of God

11.00am - Grimsby - Mass - In Thanksgiving - Vivian Enoch

Monday 27th October - Feria

No Mass/No Service

Tuesday 28th October - Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles (Feast)

9.00am - Rosary - Sorrowful Mysteries

9.30am - Grimsby - Mass - Keeph Shonock's Welfare - Beatrice & Alan Turner

4.30pm - Grimsby - Reception of Margaret Flavelle RIP

Wednesday 29th October - Feria

11.00am - Grimsby - Requiem Mass for Margaret Flavelle RIP

Thursday 30th October - Feria

9.00am - Cleethorpes - Rosary - Luminous Mysteries

9.30am - Cleethorpes - Mass - Roshan Coran's Wellbeing

Friday 31st October - Feria

7.00pm - Cleethorpes - Mass of Induction for Fr Robbie - People of God

Saturday 1st November -

10.00am - Holy Hour in Corpus Christi

10.00am until Noon - Confessions in Corpus Christi

All Saints (Solemnity)

5.00pm - Immingham - Vigil Mass - Angela Murray RIP - Murray Family

6.00pm - Grimsby - Vigil Mass - Polish Language Vigil Mass

9.00am - Cleethorpes - Mass - Mary Leonard RIP - Weston Family

11.00am - Grimsby - Mass - People of God

Monday 3rd November

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed - All Souls Day

9.30am - Grimsby - Mass - Professor Alan McLelland RIP - Sr Bridgetta

11:30am - Immingham - Mass - Lucy & Charles Mowforth RIP - Mowforth Family

6.30pm - Cleethorpes - Mass - Mary & Jim Moy RIP - Simone, Michel & Marie

7:00pm - Grimsby - Polish Language Mass

Tuesday 4th November - Feria

No Mass/No Service

World Mission Sunday provides a concrete way for us to participate in this mission. Through our prayers and our generous offerings, we help sustain and empower these courageous individuals and the vital work they undertake. It's a powerful reminder that we are part of a global family, united in faith and called to serve one another. Thank you for your most generous offerings last week which totalled **£734.70**

"I HAVE LOVED YOU

(Rev 3:9)

says the Lord, in spite of our
weakness. (1)



Jesus identifies
**"with the smallest of
society"**

(Dilexit Nos, Francis). (2)



All Christians are now invited to
feel the strong connection that
exists between:



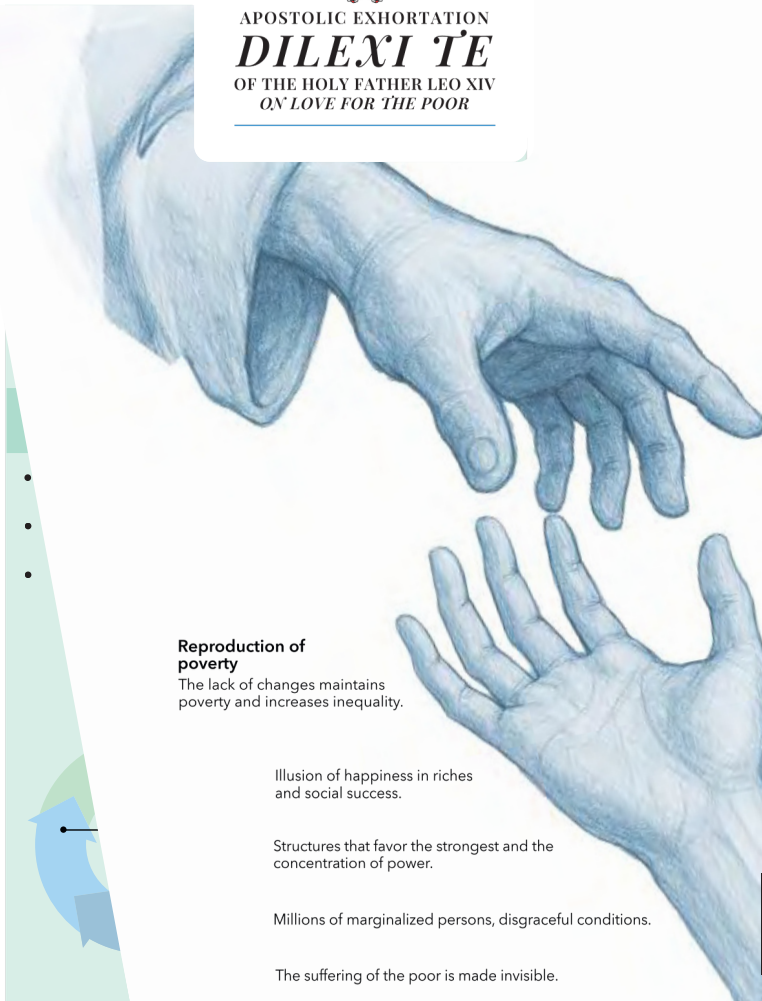
THE LOVE
OF CHRIST



CALLED TO
DRAW NEAR
THE POOR (3)



APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION
DILEXI TE
OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV
ON LOVE FOR THE POOR



Reproduction of poverty

The lack of changes maintains
poverty and increases inequality.

Illusion of happiness in riches
and social success.

Structures that favor the strongest and the
concentration of power.

Millions of marginalized persons, disgraceful conditions.

The suffering of the poor is made invisible.

of the poor represents a CRY
that challenges our life. (9)



The action of God takes
care of those who are
**discriminated against
and oppressed.** (16)



requires of us also, his Church,
brave and radical choice in
favor of the weakest. (16)

**We should not lower our
guard on poverty!** (12)

also, on many occasions let
us not be infected by unjust worldly
conclusions. (15)

cannot replace the Gospel
with these ideologies! (15)

dedicate ourselves to that
poor to inaugurate with
**justice, fraternity and
solidarity.** (16)



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For two thousand years the Church has walked alongside the poor and has taken care of them, and this has always been an essential part of her mission.

God has turned towards his creatures, taking care of their human condition and, therefore, of their poverty. (16)

There exists an inseparable link between our faith and the poor: (36)



WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES SAY? (CHAP. 2)

- Old Testament: God is presented as the friend and liberator of the poor.
- Old Testament: God, refuge of the poor, through the prophets. (17)
- From the beginning, the love of God is manifested with dramatic intensity through the protection of the weak and the less wealthy.
- Jesus, the Messiah: in his Incarnation, He assumed the condition of a servant becoming similar to human beings.
- In the condition of exclusion, one can reassume the poverty of Jesus.
- Jesus presents himself to the world not only as the poor Messiah, but also as the Messiah of the poor and for the poor.
- "He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor."
- "In truth, I tell you: whatever you have done to one of the least of my brothers, you have done to me."



APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION *DILEXI TE* OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV *ON LOVE FOR THE POOR*

WHAT DOES THE TRADITION OF THE CHURCH TEACH US UNTIL TODAY? (CHAP. 3)

The Fathers of the Church:

Recognized in the poor a privileged way to access God, a special way to meet Him.

Remembered that the Gospel is announced correctly only when it reaches out to touch the flesh of the last.

Christian tradition:



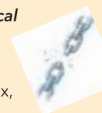
Care of the sick:

St. John of God,
St. Camillus de Lellis,
St. Louise di Marillac,
St. Vincent de Paul,
Hospital Sisters.



Monastic life and radical separation:

St. Basil the Great,
St. Benedict of Norcia,
St. Bernard of Clairvaux,
Benedictine and
Cistercian monasteries.



Freeing the prisoners:

St. John of Matha and
St. Felix of Valois
(Trinitarians), St. Peter
Nolasco and St. Raymond
of Peñafort
(Mercedarians).



Itinerant mendicant orders:

Franciscans,
Dominicans,
Augustinians,
Carmelites.



Educators of the poor:

St. Joseph Calasanz,
St. John Baptist de La Salle,
St. Marcellin Champagnat
St. John Bosco, Ursulines,
Filippini Sisters.



Accompanying migrants:

Biblical examples
(Abraham, Moses,
Mary and Joseph, Jesus)
St. John Baptist
Scalabrini, St. Francis
Xavier Cabrini.



Alongside the least:

St. Theresa of Calcutta,
Saint Dulce of the Poor,
St. Benedict Menni,
St. Charles de Foucauld,
St. Katherine Drexel.



Popular movements:

solidarity that fights against
the structural causes of
poverty and injustice.

The Poor: the treasure and living face of the Church

All these examples teach us that serving the poor is not a gesture of going "from above to below," but a meeting of equals, where Christ is revealed and adored. (79)

In the course of the centuries, the Scriptures have asked the hearts of Christians to love and produce works of charity, as fertile seeds that never stop producing fruit. (34)

The poor are the treasures of the Church. St. Ambrose asks himself: "What more precious treasures does Jesus have than those in whom he loves to manifest himself?" (38)



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THE CHALLENGE CONTINUES IN THE LIGHT OF THE SOCIAL DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH:

From *Rerum novarum* (1891) to *Apaperecida* (2007) and the most recent popes:

The Social Doctrine of the Church has deepened ever more a preferential option for the poor.

The popes and the councils have affirmed:

The Church as Church of the poor. (84)

The poor person as a representative of Christ. (85)

The universal destination of goods: the social function of property. (86)



John Paul II: asserts the primacy of the exercise of charity; human work is central in the social question. (87)



Benedict XVI: to love signifies working for the common good and the hunger born from the lack of just institutions. (88)



Francis: denounces the dictatorship of an economy that kills and guards against social alienation that normalize egoism and indifference. (92)

The Church looks with particular interest at all humanity that suffers and cries: it belongs to her, by evangelical right. (85)



APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION *DILEXI TE* OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV ON LOVE FOR THE POOR



PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN. WHICH OF THESE ARE YOU LIKE?

INDIFFERENCE

These are symptoms of a sick society, because it tries to build itself turning its back on pain. (107)

THROWN AWAY

We have gotten used to turning away, to walking by, ignoring the situations. (105)

ABANDONMENT

"Go, and do likewise" (Luke 10:37) is a command that a Christian ought to hear resounding every day in their heart. (107)

How to respond?



- With a commitment to resolve the structural causes of poverty. (94)
- Favoring spaces that connect, place in relationship and favor the recognition of the other. (96)
- Contributing to the development of effective policies for the transformation of society. (97)
- Making our voices heard to denounce the structures of injustice. (97)
- Promoting opportunities for work so that all can earn a life more coherent with their own dignity. (115)

Where is the Church going today?

Mercy cannot wait; we are called to give, to touch the suffering flesh of the poor, building a Church that only knows how to love and accompany the most fragile.

"A Church that does not place limits on love, that knows no enemies to fight, but only men and women to love, is the Church that the world needs today." (120)

Pope Leo XIV



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Synthesis – Apostolic Exhortation DILEXI TE: *On Love for the Poor* Pope Leo XIV

Key ideas:

Reflection on the centrality of love for the poor in Christian and ecclesial life | Remembering the moral obligation in regard to the needy, every gesture seen as Revelation | Recognizing multiple forms of poverty: material, social, moral, etc. | Shedding an intrinsic existence of riches and success | Recalling that God chooses the poor, showing himself to be their Messiah | Preoccupation for the integral human development of the least | Authenticity in the works of mercy | The care of the needy |

Synopsis:

The care of the poor is part of the Great Tradition of the Church, like a beacon of light that, from the Gospel onward, has illuminated the hearts and steps of Christians of all time. Therefore, we should feel the urgency to invite everyone to immerse himself in this river of light and of life that comes from recognizing Christ in the face of the needy and the suffering. For us Christians, the question of the poor leads to what is essential in our faith, since the poor are not a sociological category, but the very body of Christ.

Summary:

In profound continuity with the Encyclical *Delexit nos*, in which Pope Francis developed the inexhaustible mystery of the divine and human love of the Heart of Christ, the document begins from the words of the Lord: “I have loved you” (Rev 3:9) and wants to point out the strong connection that exists between the love of Christ and his call for us to draw near to the poor.

INTRODUCTION

The first chapter opens by taking up the Gospel text in which Jesus defends the woman who, recognizing in him the suffering Messiah, pours on Him a precious perfume. In affirming: “For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me: (Matt 26:8-11), Jesus reveals that, although small, this gesture was of immense consolation for Him. This shows that no gesture of affection, not even the smallest one, will be forgotten, especially if it is bestowed on one who is in pain, alone, needy, as the Lord was at that hour. And it is exactly in that perspective that affection for the Lord is united with affection for the poor.

CHAPTER 1: SOME INDISPENSABLE WORDS

La The first figure proposed for our inspiration is that of the Saint of Assisi. The young Francis is reborn by his being expelled from his family life, provoking an evangelical rebirth in Christians and in the society of his time that continues to inspire us even eight centuries later. The “preferential option for the poor” produces a renewal in the Church and in society when we succeed in freeing ourselves from self-referentiality and permit ourselves to listen to “the cry of the poor.”

St. Francis (2)

The illusion of a happiness based on riches and success at all cost feeds a culture that “throws away” others, indifferent to death by hunger or disgraceful living conditions. The Holy Father emphasizes that poverty, for the most part, is not accidental or a choice, as is claimed by the false vision of the meritocracy which holds that only those who have achieved success in life have merit. Christians also can let themselves be influenced by worldly ideologies, as is demonstrated by the fact that the exercise of charity is often scorned and ridiculed.

*Ideological
prejudices (4)*

God is merciful love; He reveals himself to his creatures, taking care of their human condition and, therefore, their poverty. In order to share the limits and the fragility of our human nature, He made himself poor, sharing with us also the radical poverty of death. If understood properly, because one can also speak theologically of a preferential option on the part of God for the poor, a “preference” that never indicates exclusion or discrimination against other groups.

CHAPTER 2: GOD CHOOSES THE POOR

*Jesus, the poor
Messiah (7)*

The entire Old Testament history of the preference of God for the poor and the divine desire to listen to their cry finds in Jesus of Nazareth its full realization. The Christ “emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness” (Phil 2:7). This speaks of the same exclusion that characterizes the definition of the poor as those to be excluded from society. Jesus is the revelation of this *privilegium pauperum*. He presents himself to the world not only as the poor Messiah, but also as the Messiah of the poor and for the poor. Towards the poor, indeed, God shows a preference: to them the word of hope and liberation of the Lord is first addressed and, therefore, even in the condition of poverty or weakness, no one should any longer feel abandoned.

*Mercy towards the poor
in the Bible (9)*

Beginning with his election Pope Francis expressed the desire that the care and attention for the poor would be clearly present in the Church. This desire reflects the awareness that the Church “encompasses with love all who are afflicted with human suffering and in the poor and afflicted sees the image of its poor and suffering Founder. It does all it can to relieve their need and in them it strives to serve Christ.”¹ Several diverse examples of holiness are included in this chapter, not pretending to be exhaustive, but rather an example of that care of the poor that has always characterized the presence of the Church in the world.

CHAPTER 3: A CHURCH FOR THE POOR

*The fathers of the Church
and the Poor (13)*

From its very beginnings, the Church has always taken care of the poor, for example, through the institution of the diaconate on the part of the Apostles. In the same way, in succeeding centuries particular attention and care for the least emerge in many fathers of the Church, in the mission of congregations, both male and female, in the foundation of the mendicant orders as well as in the special role of monasteries as places of refuge and formation of the least. In more recent times this mission is continued in the effort of so many saints, male and female, for the education of the poor, as well as the accompaniment of migrants and the least, including the sick, imprisoned or enslaved.

Care of the Sick (16)

The care of the needy is a constant in the life of the Church that takes its shape more recently also in so many popular movements born to defend the rights of the poor against the structural causes of poverty.

*Accompanying
migrants (24)*

¹ CONC. ECUM. VAT. II, Dog. Const. *Lumen gentium*, 8

The acceleration of technical and social transformations of the last two centuries, full of tragic contradictions, not only was endured but also confronted and reflected on by the poor (e.g., movements of workers, women and youth). Also the contribution of the Social Doctrine of the Church has in itself this popular root that ought not be forgotten: its rereading of Christian Revelation within modern social working, economic and cultural circumstances would be unimaginable without the participation of Christian laypeople addressing the challenges of our time.

CHAPTER 4: A STORY THAT CONTINUES

The century of the Social Doctrine of the Church (29)

The papal magisterium has addressed the social question with encyclicals such as *Rerum novarum* (1891) of Leo XIII and *Mater et Magistra* (1961) of John XXIII. The Second Vatican Council, initially only slightly attentive to the theme, brought it to the center thanks to John XXIII and Paul VI emphasized the closeness of the Church to the poor and suffering. Documents such as *Gaudium et spes* and *Populorum progressio* reaffirm the universal destination of goods. John Paul II consolidated the preferential option for the poor as an expression of Christian charity. Benedict XVI, in *Caritas in veritate* (2009), identified love of neighbor as the search for the true common good, denouncing the limits of institutions. Pope Francis valued the contribution of the Latin American Episcopal Conferences. In continuity, the magisterium has emphasized that the mission of the Church is tied indissolubly to justice and to universal solidarity.

Continuity of the Magisterium on justice and universal solidarity

Attention of the Church focuses on two fundamental elements: the recognition of the existence of “sinful structures” that create poverty and extreme inequalities, and the need to consider the poor as “subjects” capable of creating their own culture, more than as objects of beneficence.

Sinful structures that create poverty and extreme inequalities (32)

These are therefore recognized as subjects of evangelization and integral human promotion, resources for the entire church through their wisdom and experience.

From this derives that the bi-millennial history of the Church with the poor is an essential part of its journey. The care of the poor is part of the Great Tradition of the Church. like a beacon of light that, from the Gospel onward, has illuminated the hearts and steps of Christians of all time. Therefore, we should feel the urgency to invite everyone to immerse him or herself in this river of light and of life that comes from recognizing Christ in the face of the needy and the suffering.

CHAPTER 5: AN ONGOING CHALLENGE

Christians cannot consider the poor as a social problem, but as a “family matter;” these are “our own.” In this regard, the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) invites us to reflect on our attitude towards those wounded along the road. The words “Go and do likewise” (Luke 10:37) are a daily command.

The Good Samaritan again (37)

In conclusion, the Apostolic Exhortation recalls that Christian love overcomes all barriers, goes out to the distant, unites strangers and makes family members of enemies. It is prophetic, performs miracles and has no limits. A church that does not put limits on love, which does not have enemies but only men and women to love, is the Church the world needs. Through work, the change of unjust structures and gestures of personal help, the poor can hear the words of Jesus “I have loved you” (Rev 3:9).

Still today, giving (41)

Are You a Neurodivergent Catholic?

Please consider completing this online survey.

It's anonymous

It's short (10-20 minutes)

If you are:

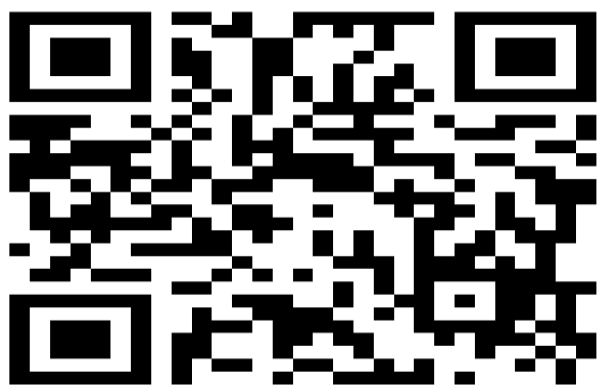
- Catholic (practising or not)
- Neurodivergent
- 18+ years old
- You live in England or Wales

THANK YOU.

Access the survey:

Link: <https://forms.office.com/e/CBQWtarVMP>

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Deadline:
Monday 12th January 2026 at 11:59pm.

Birmingham Newman University and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales are conducting research into Neurodiversity.



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Are You a Caregiver of a Neurodivergent Catholic?

**Please consider completing
this online survey.**

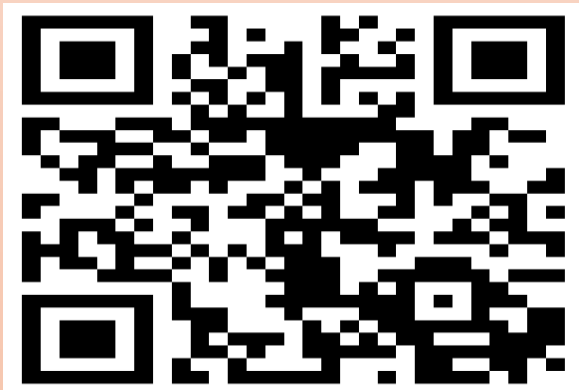
**It's anonymous
It's short (10-20 minutes)
If you are:**

- A caregiver (parent or other) of a Catholic care recipient (who is either practising or not)
- Your care recipient is neurodivergent (2+ years old)
- Your care recipient lives in England or Wales

THANK YOU.

Access the survey:

Link: <https://forms.office.com/e/BCQq71W1w9>
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Welcoming the *sacred* stranger


The Catholic Diocese of
Nottingham

 *Caritas*
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Discover the people hidden in our midst

at the annual Justice and Peace Assembly
with Caritas Diocese of Nottingham

Saturday 1 November 2025

Spalding, 11.30am – 3.45 pm

The Immaculate Conception and St Norbert Catholic Church,
St Thomas Road, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE11 2XX

Hear stories of those touched by modern slavery and forced migration, and others unseen in both town and countryside. And let's take action together.



Rev Alan Robson, Lincolnshire Rural and Agricultural Chaplain, on the **hidden countryside**

Miriam Cakebread, Santa Marta Group and **Fr Mark Odion**, Bishops' Conference, introduces **Modern Slavery Ambassadors**

Caritas volunteers update on **Lincolnshire Together**, a new network to support marginalised incomers

Tracey Carter on the amazing outreach of **Project St Thomas**

Mass with Bishop Patrick

The church is 10 minutes' walk from Spalding station. Trains from other parts of the diocese arrive at 11.24 and depart at 15.54

For further details and to book your place visit bit.ly/sacred-stranger or scan the code:



**The 2025 Jubilee Year calls us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope'.
This year's Annual Assembly will hear about those whose
journey is not one of choice but of coercion – those driven
from home by conflict, poverty and trafficking.**



With speakers from the Santa Marta Group and Bishops' Conference we will introduce to Nottingham Diocese a scheme for 'Modern Slavery Ambassadors' – ordinary people who can help bring this unscrupulous crime to an end in the East Midlands and improve care for its survivors.

Meeting in Spalding, this Assembly will also have a rural flavour. Lincolnshire's longest-serving Agricultural Chaplain will share seldom-heard stories and cries for justice from the 'hidden countryside'.

Caritas volunteer Bernadette will announce an initiative to support some of the county's most vulnerable residents, including refugees and asylum seekers. We are leading the development of a 'sanctuary' movement in Lincolnshire to ensure that no-one who finds themselves in the county is beyond the reach of help.

The programme opens with Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick at 11.45am. We're delighted to be hosted by the Parish of the Immaculate Conception and St Norbert. The parish's thriving pastoral initiative Project St Thomas offers a kaleidoscope of services to the people of South Holland.

Project St Thomas began in 2020 with 'Hub In Hub Out' which brings soup, sandwich and friendship to those in need, and has branched out to money management for young people, beginners' IT, community singing, 'Nutrition and Read' and much more. Find out more at lunchtime about Project St Thomas over their home-cooked soup and a roll.

Provisional programme

You are invited to arrive from 11.00 for Mass at 11.45, celebrated by Bishop Patrick

12.45 Lunch (optional, £8) and welcome from Project St Thomas

1.30 Introduction

1.45 Hidden countryside: Rev Alan Robson

2.05 Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking: Miriam Cakebread

2.25 Modern Slavery Ambassadors Scheme: Fr Mark Odion

2.45 Lincolnshire Together: Caritas volunteers

3.05 Exploring an Ambassadors scheme for Nottingham Diocese

3.30 Adventures in discipleship: nourishing social action in Nottingham Diocese

3.45 Closing prayer.

Any queries? Email caritas@dioceseofnottingham.uk or call 0115 648 1509

If we are true to our Baptism, we will spread the light of the hope - Baptism is the beginning of hope, that hope of God, and we will be able to pass on to future generations the meaning of life (Pope Francis, General Audience, 2 Aug 2017).

Reimagining BAPTISM

Baptism is transformative, it is the gateway to Christ. Come and join a national conversation about how baptism is understood in the life of the Church today, how to reawaken a baptismal mindset in our families and parishes and how might we spread the light of hope today.

Keynote talk will be given by Abbot Hugh Allan O.Praem with workshops run by seasoned catechists and clergy from around the country.

Friday 28 Nov 2025 for Clergy and Saturday 29 Nov 2025 for All
at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Tatton Street, Stockport, SK1 1EJ



Book your place today by email
Natalie.Orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org
£50 including cooked lunch on 28 Nov
£10 bring own lunch on 29 Nov

Preparing for a lifetime in Christ



Revised 29th August 2020

**By order of the Bishop, the following statement is to be published
on the weekends in February and October each year**

Marriage is a lifelong vocation of a man and a woman to a community of life and love open to children, and, between the baptized, it is a Sacrament. Aware of the many pressures today which can endanger family life, the Church is constantly concerned to make sure that those of you planning to marry are prepared as well as possible. We would like to remind those who wish to marry of the following:

1. It is important that a couple go to see their priest in good time before their wedding. Normally, at least six months' notice should be given.
2. Marriage preparation is carried out by the priest, often assisted by a group from the parish. Courses arranged on a Deanery basis are recommended.
3. Catholics are reminded of their obligation to preserve their faith and to do all they can within the unity of their partnership to have all their children baptized and brought up in the faith and practice of the Catholic Church.
4. Non-Catholic partners will be informed of this promise, but they are not asked to make this or any similar promise.
5. Dispensation for a marriage between a Catholic and a non-Catholic to take place in a non-Catholic church can only be granted for a serious reason. Couples who wish to marry in a non-Catholic church should discuss the matter with their priest in good time before their wedding day to see whether a dispensation could be granted.

All couples marrying these days need the support of the local Church. In this way they will be strengthened in their preparation for marriage, in celebrating their marriage, and in living out their covenant with one another.

We wish to thank all those married people who show such constancy and fidelity to their vocation of marriage. May their example inspire those planning to marry in the Church.

Right Reverend Patrick McKinney
Bishop of Nottingham