

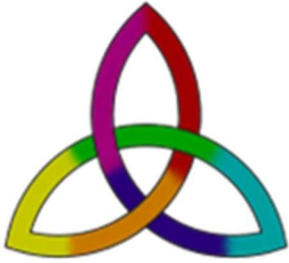
Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

Parish of The Most Holy and Undivided Trinity

The Catholic Church in

Grimsby, Cleethorpes & Immingham

Newsletter



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On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we are celebrating the Solemnity of Christ the King, a Feast established relatively recently but which has deep biblical and theological roots. The title “King”, designating Jesus, is very important in the Gospels and makes possible a complete interpretation of the figure of Jesus and of his mission of salvation. In this regard a progression can be noted: it starts with the expression “King of Israel” and extends to that of universal King, Lord of the cosmos and of history, thus exceeding by far the expectations of the Jewish people.

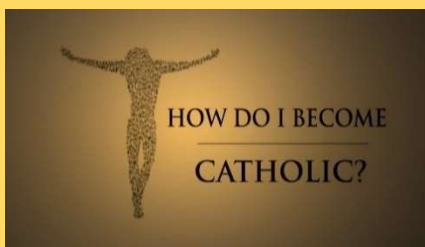
Today's Mass establishes the titles for Christ's royalty over people

- **Christ is God**, the Creator of the universe and hence wields a supreme power over all things; “All things were created by Him”
- **Christ is our Redeemer**, He purchased us by His precious Blood, and made us His property and possession
- **Christ is Head of the Church**, “holding in all things the primacy”

Today's Mass also describes the qualities of Christ's kingdom

This kingdom is:

- **supreme**, extending not only to all people, but also to their princes and kings;
- **universal**, extending to all nations and to all places
- **eternal**, for “The Lord shall sit a King forever”
- **spiritual**, Christ's “kingdom is not of this world”



Would you like to join the Catholic Church as an Adult? Beginning in November Fr Robbie and his team of Catechists will be running a formation course. The journey will teach you all aspects of the faith in an enjoyable manner – leading to you being received into the Church at Easter 2026. **Please contact the Parish Office, even if you completed a 'Journey in Faith' form previously.**

Parish Christmas DRAW

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.

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

**Raffle – Jumper Parade –
Quiz**

*(Bookings to be paid for by
Sunday 30th November please)*

News for the Pews

Saturday Holy Hour & Confessions - Will permanently move to Corpus Christi Church, Cleethorpes each week, from Saturday 6th December 2025. Please note that there will be **no Saturday Holy Hour & Confessions on 29th November 2025.**

Parish Finance Administration - As you are aware Duncan had been asked previously, by Fr Andrew, to temporarily take on Finance Administration, and agreed to do so. He has agreed to make this arrangement permanent. I have agreed with Duncan that he is available for Parishioners during office opening hours, but that outside of this time he needs to be able to focus and prioritise finance and gift aid, implementing the recommendations of our most recent end of year audit. In light of this, please do contact Duncan, in the parish office, regarding any questions or queries in relation to, expenses, bookkeeping, gift aid, standing orders and/or legacies moving forward. Thank you - **Fr Robbie**

Important Question - Could I sign a Gift Aid Declaration? If you are a UK taxpayer, you can – and should! – sign a Gift Aid Declaration, which enables the parish to reclaim 25% of your offering from the Government at no extra cost to you; at all e.g., if you give £10.00 per week and have signed a Gift Aid Declaration, your offering is worth £12.50 to the parish. To give by Gift Aid, you must have signed a standing order.

The forms for gift aid and standing orders are available from our three churches, the front cover is here for reference.



**Supporting Our
Parish Financially**

Gift Aid,
Standing Orders,
& Legacies



Christmas Calendar

Wednesday 17th December - 6.30pm

Carols by Candlelight

**Festive Mince Pie and Mulled Wine
at Cleethorpes**

Wednesday 24th December - 5.30pm

Mass of Christmas Eve - Cleethorpes

Wednesday 24th December - 8.30pm

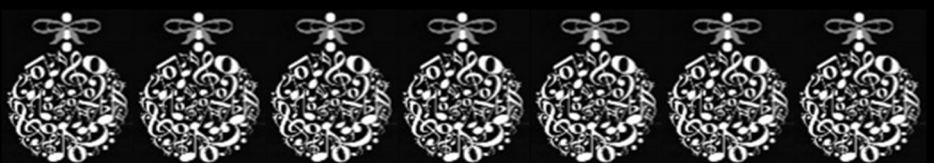
Mass of Christmas Night - Grimsby

Thursday 25th December - 9.00am

Mass of Christmas Dawn - Immingham

Thursday 25th December - 11.00am

Mass of Christmas Day - Grimsby



Sanctuary Lamps

Immingham

For the Faithful Departed

Cleethorpes

For our Young Parishioners

Grimsby

For Peace in our World

Parish Office Hours

Holy Trinity Presbytery
Grimsby, DN32 9DZ
01472 342301

**Monday,
Tuesday & Wednesday**
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
Each Friday Morning
by Appointment Only
via the Parish Office

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

Parish Finances Last Week

Thank you for your generosity
to the work of the Church!

In your Will, please remember
your Church.

Loose Plate	£ 331.65
Contactless	£ 111.00
S/Orders	£ 1,156.17
Total	£1,598.82

Sign up for the Parish Bulletin



Sanitising Hands

Please continue to exercise personal and social responsibility by sanitising your hands when entering and leaving the church. This should continue through the winter. If you are feeling unwell or tested positive for covid or the flu/cold, please stay home and celebrate Mass online to slow the spread to others. Thank you

News for the Pews

The Estate of the late Thomas Valentine (Val) Walsh RIP - We have been deeply moved this past week, by Val's act of generosity towards his parish in his Last Will and Testament. A most generous gift to the parish has been received from his daughters (executors) on his behalf. I know Val has also beneficed support to other Catholic charities in his Will, which he has supported over many years, including a donation to the Diocese of Nottingham. May I sincerely thank Val for thinking of his parish in a legacy of support. I shall also for the next 25 years place the celebration of holy Mass for the repose of his soul, that of his wife Grace and also of their son Philip, each year on the 16th February, which was Val's birthday. **Fr Robbie**

John Henry Parker RIP - It is with sadness that I announce the passing of John. His Requiem Mass will take place at St Mary on the Sea, Grimsby on **Wednesday 26th November at 11.00am** followed by Grimsby **Crematorium at 12.15pm**. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers at this sad time. **Requiescat in pace**

Safeguarding Refresher Training

THIS IS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

We wish to invite all volunteers to attend one of the training sessions listed below in, Corpus Christi Church. You only need attend **one session**, and each session will only last one hour. **Saturday 29th Nov 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.



Sick Housebound Visit Request - for **Fr Robbie** to visit those who are Sick or Housebound during the first three weeks of Advent.

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone Number:

Person Requesting: Actual Person/Relative/Friend (please circle)

Your Name:

Mobile No:

All who use this request form **must** have the permission of the person named or if that person is sick or confused, you **must** provide Fr Robbie with the person's Relative/Next of Kin/Guardian for Safeguarding.

Name:

Telephone Number:

Please hand this request only to Fr Robbie directly for confidentiality

Please hand this slip to Fr Robbie a.s.a.p.



Our Schools

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Voluntary Academy**
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Grimsby
DN32 7JX

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Headteacher

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**St Joseph's Catholic
Voluntary Academy**
Philip Avenue
Cleethorpes
DN35 9DL

Mrs Michelle Steeper
Acting Headteacher

01472 690672
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Our Hospital

**Diana, Princess of Wales
Hospital**
Scarcho Road
Grimsby
North East Lincolnshire
DN33 2BA
01472 874111

Parish Safeguarding Team

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Sunday: Yr. C - Weekday: Cycle I

Eucharistic Prayer: I - Psalter: II

Saturday 22nd November - Saint Cecilia, virgin and martyr

10.00am - Holy Hour in Cleethorpes

10.00am until Noon - Confessions in Cleethorpes

5.00pm - Immingham - Vigil Mass - John Hughes RIP - Patricia & Andrew

6.00pm - Grimsby - Polish Language Vigil Mass

Sunday 23rd November

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe (Solemnity)

9.00am - **Cleethorpes** - Mass - John Lally RIP - Mary

11.00am - **Grimsby** - Mass - People of God

Annual Blessings of Graves - Sunday 23rd November

1.00pm Holton-le-Clay / **1.00 pm** Humberston

1.30pm St Giles' Churchyard, Scartho / **2.00pm** Mill Lane, Immingham

Monday 24th November - Saint Andrew Dung-Lac & Comp

No Mass/No Service

Tuesday 25th November - Saint Catherine of Alexandria

9.00am - Grimsby - Rosary - Sorrowful Mysteries

9.30am - Grimsby - Mass - Ann Catley - Patricia & Andrew

Wednesday 26th November - FERIA

11.00am - Grimsby - Requiem Mass - John Henry Parker RIP

Thursday 27th November - FERIA

9.00am - Cleethorpes - Rosary - Luminous Mysteries

9.30am - Cleethorpes - Mass - Intentions of Joseph Ogbonna

Friday 28th November - FERIA

5.45pm - Cleethorpes - Eucharistic Adoration with Confessions

6.30pm - Cleethorpes - Mass - Stephen Dugard RIP

Saturday 29th November - FERIA

*** No Adoration or Confession ***

10.30-11.30am - Safeguarding Refresher Training Cleethorpes
THIS IS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS (in Corpus Christi Church)

12.00pm-2.00pm - Parish Christmas Draw - All Welcome



Prizes Stalls Festive Prizes Stalls Festive Prizes Stalls

5.00pm - Immingham - Vigil Mass - Lorenzina Auckland RIP - Karin Lund

6.00pm - Grimsby - Polish Language Vigil Mass

Sunday 30th November - First Sunday of Advent

9.00am - **Cleethorpes** - Mass - People of God

11.00am - **Grimsby** - Mass - Pat Corr RIP & the Welfare of the Corr Family - T Watson

Hall Booking - Please could everyone remember that bookings are looked after by our Parish Administrator, Duncan Weston, who is available Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday 9.00am until 12.30pm on 01472 342301. I cannot help with hall bookings after Mass. Fr Robbie

The Last Supper with Jesus



**On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread,
the disciples asked Jesus:
"Where would you like us to plan for you to eat the Passover feast?"**

The Holy Mass in Church



Fr Robbie stands there as the 'Person of Christ' and invites all to the House of God and the Altar of Sacrifice. Our holy Mass is celebrated as a memorial of the Last Supper Jesus had with His disciples. He is Present in Holy Communion

Jesus blesses the Bread



He thanked God for the bread and shared it with the disciples and said, "Take this and eat it. This is my body which is given for you".

Jesus' words of Consecration over the Bread



Fr Robbie says the words Jesus said at the Last Supper and calls upon the Holy Spirit to come down upon the Bread which will become Jesus' Body.

Jesus blesses the Wine



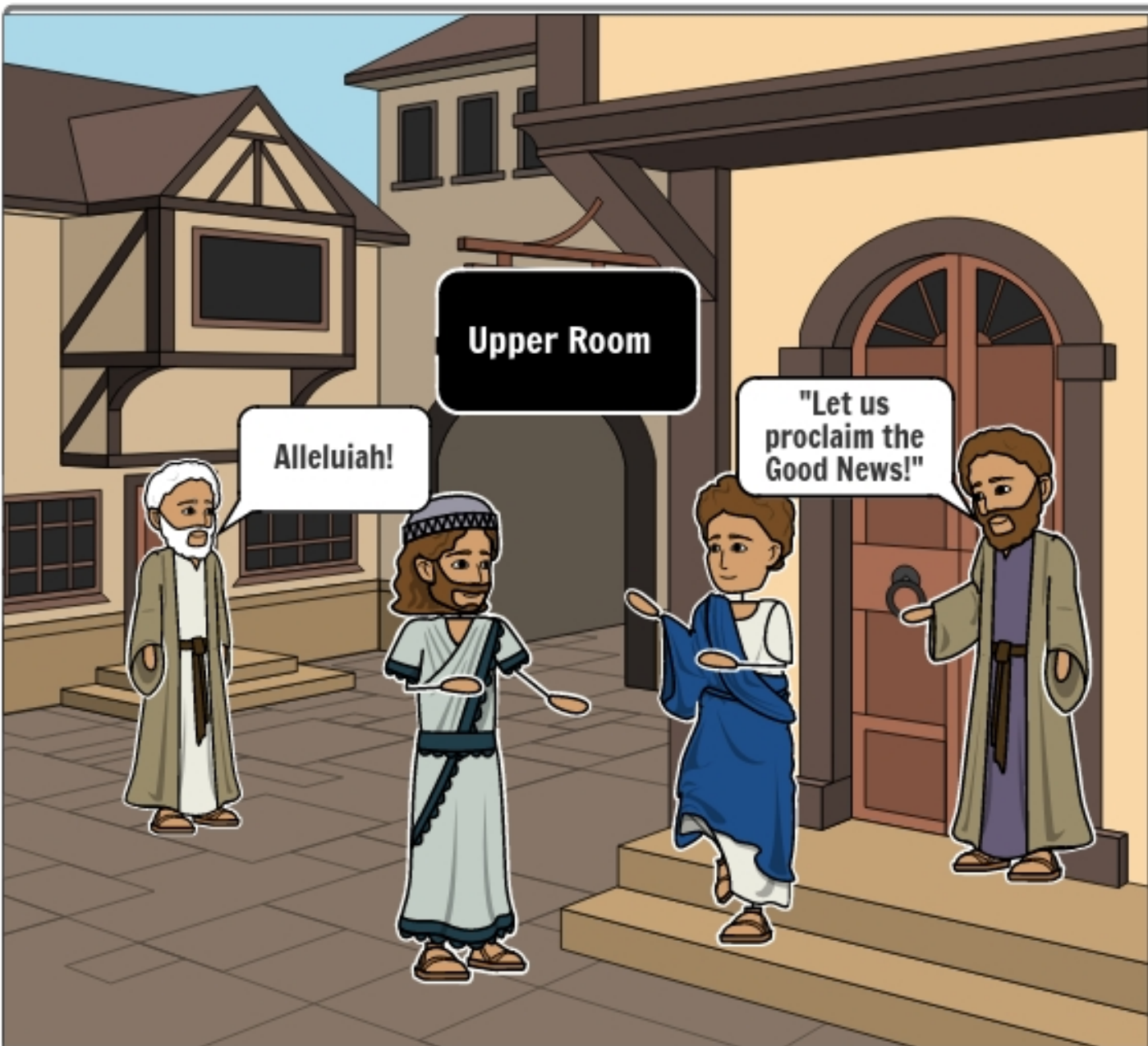
Then He took a cup of wine, thanked God for it and said, "This is my blood, which will be poured out for many so their sins may be forgiven."

Jesus' words of Consecration over the Wine



**Fr Robbie once again says the words Jesus said at the Last Supper
and calls upon the Holy Spirit to come down upon the Wine
which will become Jesus' Blood.**

ENCOUNTER



Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

DISCIPLESHIP



St Paul in response to a call of the Holy Spirit, the church in Antioch chose Barnabas and Paul to proclaim the gospel. They first traveled to Cyprus, then to Antioch in Pisidia, a city in present day west central Turkey.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP



“By virtue of Baptism we become ‘*missionary disciples*,’ called to bring the Gospel to the world (cf. Apostolic Exhortation ‘*Evangelii Gaudium*,’ n. 120). ‘All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization....



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November 2025

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we enter this holy season of Advent, a time of joyful hope and preparation for the coming of our Saviour, I write to commend to you the **Inter Care Advent Appeal**. As many of you are aware I am a longstanding patron of Inter Care and have been fortunate enough to see at first hand the impact this charity can have during my visit to Tanzania in 2022. I have seen how it enables rural clinics to treat preventable and curable illnesses, and how it transforms lives by restoring health, dignity, and hope.

Inter Care, based in Syston, Leicestershire, is a small but remarkable charity dedicated to sharing the gift of health and healing with our brothers and sisters in Sub-Saharan Africa. The charity collects and recycles surplus medical supplies from across the UK and sends them to rural health clinics in Malawi, Tanzania, and Sierra Leone. These supplies are given entirely free of charge, allowing local clinics to offer healthcare at no cost just as we are blessed to receive care through our NHS.

This Advent, Inter Care is aiming to raise £20,000 through a special match-funding campaign, which means that every pound you donate will be doubled, making your gift go twice as far in saving lives and easing suffering.

I therefore warmly invite you to support the Advent Appeal for Inter Care, through your prayers, your generosity, and by encouraging others in your parish and community to take part. Your support will help ensure that more people can live healthy and fulfilling lives.

May this season of Advent renew in each of us a spirit of compassion and love for our neighbour.

With every good wish and gratitude for anything you can give,

Rt Rev Patrick McKinney
Bishop of Nottingham

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ADVENTURE

28TH-30TH NOVEMBER 2025

**A RESIDENTIAL RETREAT AT THE BRIARS FOR
YOUNG PEOPLE IN SCHOOL YEARS 10-13 TO
EXPLORE THE SEASON OF ADVENT.**

**ONLY
£50**

FINANCIAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE
IF REQUIRED

SCAN ME!



**TO SIGN UP FOR AN
ADVENTURE!**

**THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS,
AND THE DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT.**

JOHN 1:5

YOUNG ADULTS / 18-35s

Christmas Party

Holy Mass followed by party drinks
and nibbles (+party games!)

Sun | 14 | Dec | 2PM

Saint Mary's Catholic
Church, Derby

Follow @dioceseofnottinghamyoungadults on instagram!



The
Catholic
Diocese of
Nottingham

JOIN OUR TEAM

Parish Bookkeeper

Based at: St Hugh's House, 1 Castle Quay, Nottingham, NG7 1FW. Post holder will be required to work at any other DCO location.

Purpose of role: The Parish Bookkeeper is responsible for supporting parishes across the Diocese of Nottingham with the maintenance of accurate accounting and Gift Aid records in line with diocesan requirements.

This new role will provide a professional bookkeeping service that parishes can draw upon directly. Where parishes do not engage with the service and fall behind in meeting essential obligations—such as entering data into OPAS, completing bank reconciliations, and administering Gift Aid—the Parish Bookkeeper will be deployed to clear backlogs and restore compliance.

Hours of work: 37.5 hours per week

Rate: Circa £27k – £30k depending on experience

Apply by: Monday 1st December 2025 9AM

To apply please complete the application form which can be found on the Diocese of Nottingham website:
www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers



Message of the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV for the Ninth World Day of the Poor

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time : Sunday 16th November 2025

You are my hope (cf. Psalm 71:5)

1. “You, O Lord, are my hope” (*Ps* 71:5). These words well up from a heart burdened by grave hardship: “You have made me see many troubles and calamities” (v. 20), the Psalmist exclaims. At the same time, his heart remains open and confident; steadfast in faith, he acknowledges the support of God, whom he calls “a rock of refuge, a strong fortress” (v. 3). Hence, his abiding trust that hope in God never disappoints: “In you, Lord, I take refuge; I shall never be put to shame” (v. 1).

Amid life’s trials, our hope is inspired by the firm and reassuring certainty of God’s love, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. That hope does not disappoint (cf. *Rom* 5:5). Thus Saint Paul could write to Timothy: “To this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God” (1 *Tim* 4:10). The living God is in fact “the God of hope” (*Rom* 15:13), and Christ, by his death and resurrection, has himself become “our hope” (1 *Tim* 1:1). We must never forget that we were saved in this hope, and need to remain firmly rooted therein.

2. The poor can be witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope, precisely because they embody it in the midst of uncertainty, poverty, instability and marginalization. They cannot rely on the security of power and possessions; on the contrary, they are at their mercy and often victims of them. Their hope must necessarily be sought elsewhere. By recognizing that God is our first and only hope, we too pass from fleeting *hopes* to a lasting *hope*. Once we desire that God accompany us on the journey of life, material wealth becomes relativized, for we discover the real treasure that we need. The words that the Lord Jesus spoke to his disciples remain forceful and clear: “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume and where thieves do not break in and steal” (*Mt* 6:19-20).

3. The gravest form of poverty is not to know God. As Pope Francis wrote in *Evangelii Gaudium*: “The worst discrimination which the poor suffer is the lack of spiritual care. The great majority of the poor have a special openness to the faith; they need God and we must not fail to offer them his friendship,

his blessing, his word, the celebration of the sacraments and a journey of growth and maturity in the faith” (No. 2000). Here we see a basic and essential awareness of how we can find our treasure in God. As the Apostle John insists: “If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen” (1 *Jn* 4:20).

This is a rule of faith and the secret of hope: all this earth’s goods, material realities, worldly pleasures, economic prosperity, however important, cannot bring happiness to our hearts. Wealth often disappoints and can lead to tragic situations of poverty — above all the poverty born of the failure to recognize our need for God and of the attempt to live without him. A saying of Saint Augustine comes to mind: “Let all your hope be in God: feel your need for him, and let him fill that need. Without him, whatever you possess will only make you all the more empty” (*Enarr. in Ps.*, 85:3).

4. The word of God tells us that Christian hope is certainty at every step of life’s journey, since it does not depend not on our human strength but upon the promise of God, who is always faithful. For this reason, from the beginning, Christians have identified hope with the symbol of the anchor, which provides stability and security. Christian hope is like an anchor that grounds our hearts in the promise of the Lord Jesus, who saved us by his death and resurrection and will come again among us. This hope continues to point us toward the “new heavens” and the “new earth” (2 *Pet* 3:13) as the true horizon of our existence, where every life will find its authentic meaning, for our real homeland is in heaven (cf. *Phil* 3:20).

The city of God, therefore, impels us to improve the cities of men and women. Our own cities must begin to resemble his. Hope, sustained by God’s love poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (cf. *Rom* 5:5), turns human hearts into fertile soil where charity for the life of the world can blossom. The Church’s tradition has constantly insisted on the circular relationship between the three theological virtues of faith, hope and charity. Hope is born of faith, which nourishes and sustains it on the foundation of charity, the mother of all virtues. All of us need charity, here and now. Charity is not just a promise; it is a present reality to be embraced with joy and responsibility. Charity engages us and guides our decisions towards the common good. Conversely, those who lack charity not only lack faith and hope; they also rob their neighbours of hope.

5. The biblical summons to hope thus entails the duty to shoulder our responsibilities in history, without hesitation. Charity, in fact, “is the greatest social commandment” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, No. 1889). Poverty has structural causes that must be addressed and eliminated. In the meantime, each of us is called to offer new signs of hope that will bear witness to Christian charity, just as many saints have done over the centuries. Hospitals and schools, for instance, were institutions established to reach out to the most vulnerable and marginalized. These institutions should be a part of every country’s public policy, yet wars and inequalities often prevent this from happening. Today, signs of hope are increasingly found in care homes, communities for minors, centres for listening and acceptance, soup kitchens, homeless shelters and low-income schools. How many of these quiet signs of hope often go unnoticed and yet are so important for setting aside our indifference and inspiring others to become involved in various forms of volunteer work!

The poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel. The celebration of the World Day of the Poor is meant to remind our communities that the poor are at the heart of all our pastoral activity. This is true not only of the Church’s charitable work, but also of the message that she celebrates and proclaims. God took on their poverty in order to enrich us through their voices, their

stories and their faces. Every form of poverty, without exception, calls us to experience the Gospel concretely and to offer effective signs of hope.

6. This, then, is the invitation extended to us by this Jubilee celebration. It is no coincidence that the World Day of the Poor is celebrated towards the end of this year of grace. Once the Holy Door is closed, we are to cherish and share with others the divine gifts granted us throughout this entire year of prayer, conversion and witness. The poor are not recipients of our pastoral care, but creative subjects who challenge us to find novel ways of living out the Gospel today. In the face of new forms of impoverishment, we can risk becoming hardened and resigned. Each day we encounter poor or impoverished people. We too may have less than before and are losing what once seemed secure: a home, sufficient food for each day, access to healthcare and a good education, information, religious freedom and freedom of expression.

In this promotion of the common good, our social responsibility is grounded in God's creative act, which gives everyone a share in the goods of the earth. Like those goods, the fruits of human labour should be equally accessible to all. Helping the poor is a matter of justice before a question of charity. As Saint Augustine observed: "You give bread to a hungry person; but it would be better if none were hungry, so that you would have no need to give it away. You clothe the naked, but would that all were clothed and that there be no need to supply this lack" (*In I Ioan.*, 8:5).

It is my hope, then, that this Jubilee Year will encourage the development of policies aimed at combatting forms of poverty both old and new, as well as implementing new initiatives to support and assist the poorest of the poor. Labor, education, housing and health are the foundations of a security that will never be attained by the use of arms. I express my appreciation for those initiatives that already exist, and for the efforts demonstrated daily on the international level by great numbers of men and women of good will.

Let us entrust ourselves to Mary Most Holy, Comforter of the Afflicted and, with her, let us raise a song of hope as we make our own the words of the *Te Deum*: "In you, O Lord, is our hope, and we shall never hope in vain."

From the Vatican

13 June 2025, Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua, Patron Saint of the Poor

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