

WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 26TH SEPTEMBER

The Pope's message pays particular attention to the care of our common family, which, together with the care of our common home, encourages us to become ever more welcoming.

“Towards an ever wider we”: In the Encyclical Letter *Fratelli Tutti* I expressed a concern and a desire, which still occupy an important place in my heart:

I decided to title my message for the 107th World Migrant and Refugee Day “Towards an ever wider we”, wishing in this way to indicate a clear horizon for our common journey in this world.

The forces at work in the world today are crumbling the *us* willed by God, both in the “world” and within the Church. And the highest price is paid by those who can most easily become the *other*: foreigners, migrants, the marginalized, all inhabitants of the existential peripheries.

We are all in the same boat and we are called to commit ourselves so that there are no more walls that separate us, so that there are no more *others*, but only one *us*, an *us* as big as the whole of humanity.

For this reason I would like to take advantage of this happy occasion to launch a double appeal to walk together towards an ever wider *us*, one addressed to the Catholic faithful and one addressed to all the men and women of the world.

that can arise from this encounter, we are given the opportunity to grow as Church, to enrich one another. Moreover, the Church

Today the Church is called to go out into the streets of the existential peripheries to heal the wounded and seek out the lost, without prejudice or fear, without proselytism, and then to enlarge her tent to welcome everyone. Among the inhabitants of the existential peripheries we will find many migrants and refugees, displaced persons and victims of trafficking, to whom the Lord wants His love to be manifested and His salvation to be announced:

The current influx of migrants can be seen as a new “frontier” for mission, a privileged opportunity to proclaim Jesus Christ and the Gospel message at home, and to bear concrete witness to the Christian faith in a spirit of charity and profound esteem for other religious communities. The encounter with migrants and refugees of other denominations and religions represents a fertile ground for the growth of open and enriching ecumenical and interreligious dialogue. (*Address to the National Directors of Pastoral Care for Migrants*, 22 September 2017).

For all the men and women of the world, my call to walk together towards an ever wider *us* begins with a heartfelt invitation to recompose the human family, to build together our future of justice and peace, ensuring that no one is left out.

All peoples are united in peace and harmony, celebrating the beauty of life and the wonders of creation. But to achieve this ideal we must all strive to break down the walls that separate us and build bridges that foster a culture of encounter, aware of the intimate interconnectedness of our lives. In this light, contemporary migrations offer us the opportunity to overcome our fears and let ourselves be enriched by diversity. Then, if we want to, we can transform borders into privileged places of encounter, where the miracle of an ever-wider *us* takes place



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TODAY'S READINGS:

The other one's grass is not always greener...

Sometimes we imagine that our dreams - if only we could make them happen - will change our lives so much for the better. We think like this because we are affected, albeit unconsciously, by the many destructive and unwanted influences that are at work around us. All of us, to a greater or lesser extent, experience this. Two such unwanted influences are jealousy and selfish ambition; both of which hinder us from living our real lives in the present. We can defeat these influences because we are one with Jesus and He with us. He was never jealous of John the Baptist, He never sought glory for Himself even though the people would have made Him their king. Jesus wanted nothing more than to care for the least of His Father's children to the extent that He identified with the poor, the sick, the marginalised. We can be like Him, we too can live for others simply by being kind and compassionate, rather than wanting to live out our own fanciful and unrealistic dreams. Jesus makes our daily lives far better than our dreams can ever do, because each day He reminds us that God loves us as we are, not as we think we are.

... nor is the sun brighter on the other side!

There will be a second collection this weekend for Home Missions.

Please continue to where a face covering in church unless you are exempt, and to use hand sanitiser when you come in. Thank you.

COUNTERS: Thank you to all of you who have been in touch and a rota will be issued next week to begin in October. We could now do with some more teams. If anyone is interested in helping with the counting or with the Eucharistic Ministers please let me know. Thank you.

PARISH COUNCIL: There will be a face to face meeting for those of you who are happy to, in the parish centre on Thursday 23rd September at 7.30pm. Please let me know if you can make it.

PARISH MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS WANTED: Please forward any items ~ prayers, articles, updates, reflections, anything you'd like to share ~ to Celeste (yorkistatheart@gmail.com) or Raymond (jraymonddaley@gmail.com) by 28th September! Many thanks!

PRAYER MEETINGS: Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the parish centre.

CENACOLO PRAYERS: Thursdays from 6pm in the parish centre.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET is recited at 3pm each Friday, in church.

Sun 18 th	TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
19 th	6.00 pm Vigil: Holly Atkinson (sick)	
	10.00 am:	streamed from Church
	12.00 noon: People of the parish	at Sedbergh
	6.00 pm: Kathleen Bell RIP	
Mon 20 th	Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang	
	NO MASS	
Tues 21 st	St Matthew	
	12.00 noon: Celia Carter RIP & Family and Nigel Stourton RIP	
Wed 22 nd	Wednesday of week 25	
	12.00 noon:	
Thurs 23 rd	St Pius of Pietrelcina	
	12.00 am:	
Fri 24 th	Our Lady of Walsingham	
	9.15 am:	please note earlier time
Sat 25 th	Saturday of week 25	
Sun 25 th	TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
26 th	6.00 pm Vigil:	
	10.00 am: People of the parish	streamed from Church
	12.00 noon:	at Sedbergh
	6.00 pm:	

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS: In confessional 5.10 – 5.40pm

We will continue to Livestream the Sunday 10am Mass which you can watch by visiting the parish website www.kendalcatholicchurch.uk

Church is open every day from 7.30am – 6.00pm.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

LATELY DEAD: Netta Baxter.

SICK: Holly Howe, Will Flitcroft, Philip Barry, Pat Newton, Trish Hoad, Varlien Vyner-Brooks, Archie Scott, Jamie Banks Wallhead, Mary Brady, Bob Dickie, Ian Muir, Sylvia Duckworth, Winnie Edgar, Adrian Jennings, Christine Stoker, Barbara Banks, Eileen Halstead, Thomas Smith, Jane Johnson, Malcolm Nightingale, Patrick Dolan, Mike Nicholson, Heidi Walmsley, Ken Jamieson, Edward Sykes.

ANNIVERSARIES: Sarah Cookson, Charles Nicholson, Howard Selby, John Pickard, Jan Lewandowski, William Tierney, John Duckworth, Margaret Dudley, Anthony (Tony) Dodd, William McDaid, Henry Hornyold-Strickland, Marjorie Fahy, Jack Wilson, Martin Corcoran, Anthony Duckworth, Joan Dobson.



Passages from Laudato Si:

9 As Christians, we are called “to accept the world as a sacrament of communion, as a way of sharing with God and our neighbours on a global scale.”

52 We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family. There are no frontiers or barriers, political or social, behind which we can hide, still less is there room for the globalisation of indifference.

92 Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth.

232 Around community actions, relationships develop or are recovered and a new social fabric emerges. Thus, a community can break out of the indifference induced by consumerism. These actions cultivate a shared identity, with a story which can be remembered and handed on. In this way, the world, and the quality of life of the poorest, are cared for, with a sense of solidarity which is at the same time aware that we live in a common home which God has entrusted to us. These community actions, when they express self-giving love, can also become intense spiritual experiences. ***You can read more of this on the parish website.***

ASSISTED DYING BILL comes before Parliament in October: Letter from Bishop Sherrington: As Pope Francis has said, “Physician-assisted suicide is part of a ‘throwaway culture’ that offers a ‘false compassion’ and treats a human person as a problem... True compassion does not marginalise anyone, nor does it humiliate and exclude – much less considers the disappearance of a person as a good thing.” He criticised “those who hide behind an alleged compassion to justify and approve the death of a patient.”

Dangers of the introduction of Assisted Suicide

Importantly, at this stage we need to argue the dangers of the introduction of Assisted Suicide, which include the safety of people who are vulnerable due to external pressures, and the later liberalisation of the law which is evidenced by other countries which have introduced Assisted Suicide. Many voices from the world of disability-rights and other allies are also very fearful and fighting this bill. Whilst there are clear arguments to support Catholic teachings, it is important to remember that this position is not only a matter of faith but also human reason.

Take action: There are three important actions in the next weeks: praying, writing **and** sharing.

First, I ask you to pray that the Bill will be defeated.

Second, I ask you to write to the Peers from your personal experience and share stories which will argue the reasons for opposing the Bill as well as narrate the importance of precious time during the final stages of life. The testimony of healthcare and legal professionals will also be important. This needs to be done before the Second Reading on 22 October.

Third, I ask you to engage and share stories and reasons against the Bill on social media.