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World Day of the Poor 14 November 2021

Pope Francis has declared Sunday 14 November 2021 to be the fifth World Day of the Poor.

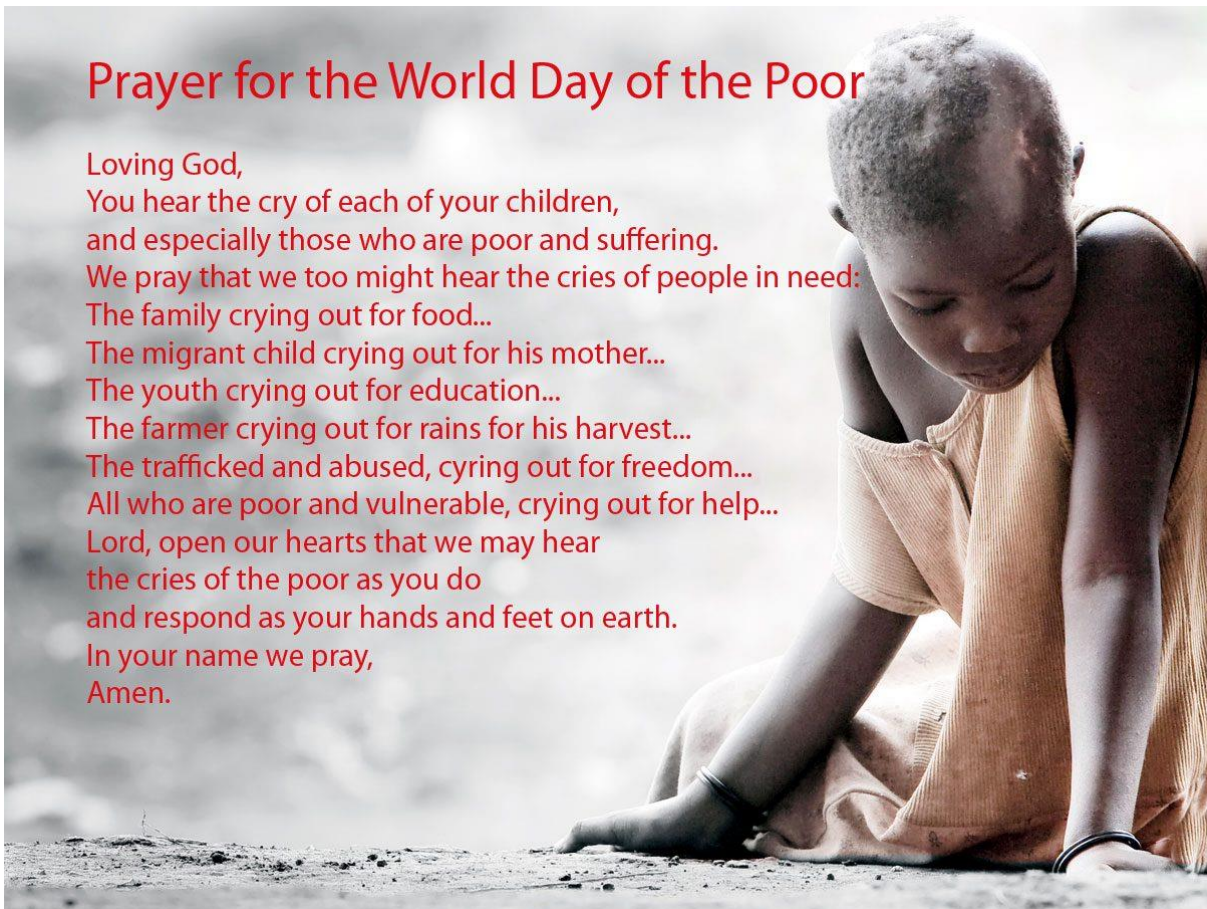
In his message for this World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis reflects on Jesus' words at the anointing in Bethany, "the poor you will always have with you" (Mk 14:7). This he says 'is a summons never to lose sight of every opportunity to do good.'

Pray with us

On this day we are invited to offer friendship, solidarity and welcome to the poorest of our sisters and brothers. As we reach out with love and support, let us hold all members of our global family in our prayers.

Prayer for the World Day of the Poor

Loving God,
You hear the cry of each of your children,
and especially those who are poor and suffering.
We pray that we too might hear the cries of people in need:
The family crying out for food...
The migrant child crying out for his mother...
The youth crying out for education...
The farmer crying out for rains for his harvest...
The trafficked and abused, crying out for freedom...
All who are poor and vulnerable, crying out for help...
Lord, open our hearts that we may hear
the cries of the poor as you do
and respond as your hands and feet on earth.
In your name we pray,
Amen.



Dear Parishioners

With all the disruptions it is good to know there are things going on in our Parish. The **RCIA** team is gathering on the journey of several people looking to join our community. Today also we have the first of three sessions of the Children's rite of initiation preparing for Baptism.

Christian Meditation Community Day.

Saturday 4 December in the Parish Hall. 9.30am to 3pm.

Theme: Dorothy Day (1897-1980).

Tea/Coffee provided. Bring your own lunch. A small koha appreciated.

Queries to Michael Dougherty. Phone:436 5663. Email: md1@outlook.co.nz

Please pray for the Sick: Fay O'Connell...

Prayers for those who have died: Lucy Snelgar

And all the Holy Souls we remember in this month of November.

55+ Group have cancelled the Christmas lunch. They next meet on Wednesday 9 February 2022 at 10am in the Parish Hall.

Welcome to Masses – it is good that we can gather

Following the Health protocol, it takes a lot of effort to be able to gather for Mass.

We are grateful for the many who help to make it possible:

Because we are limited to **100 people** - Please Register for the Mass you want to attend.

For Weekend Masses please register by 3:30 p.m. Friday.

For weekday Masses by 3:30 the day before.

Please come early.

Please wear a Mask and use Contact App.

Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Parish Food Basket: Thank you for your generous help to the needy. We are in need of tinned fruit, baked beans and jelly. Thank you.

Christmas Gifts Appeal: We are looking for **unwrapped** gifts or money to purchase gifts for our Christmas parcels for teens and younger children. e.g. cars, balls, blocks, books, body wash, playing cards, hair and nail products. Chocolates and tinned biscuits are always welcome. Donations need to be taken to the Parish Office by Friday 10 December please. Thank you.

All Blessings

Fr Chris Martin s.m.