

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 10:00 Lawrence & Francesca Formosa FM  
Tues 10:00am Murray Family RIP  
Weds 10:00am Liturgy of the Word  
Thurs 10:00am Lawrence & Francesca Formosa FM  
Fri 10:00am William & Alice Kelly FM  
**Corpus Christi**  
Sat 6:00pm Bill Sandford RIP  
Sun 8.30am People of the Parish  
10:00am Masda's Sister RIP  
12:00noon Elizabeth Aikan RIP (3<sup>rd</sup> anniv.).

**Fr Jack**

God is family. Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God did not want to live alone so we have a Trinity. Three persons so tightly in tune with each other that there is only **one God**. All our prayers go to the Father through the Son in the unity of the Holy Spirit. All working together for our benefit. But we have also got to work together. This is why Paul says, *"Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace and the God of love and peace be with you. Greet each other with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you."* In this way we experience the love of the tribune God. We are invited into his family.

**Baptism** Next meeting 7pm on Monday,

**Pope Leo XIV signs "Magnifica humanitas Church's social doctrine"**

The first chapter—"A Dynamic Approach Faithful to the Gospel"—traces the Social Doctrine of the Church in recent magisterium and the Second Vatican Council, highlighting "its dynamic character" (17). Far from being "a handbook of principles and norms to be applied," the Church's social teaching is rather a "theology of communion in history" (27), which guides our reading of events in light of the Gospel. Pope Leo XIV recalls the writings of his predecessors: from Pius XII – the first to use the expression "Social Doctrine of the Church" in his Apostolic Exhortation *Menti Nostrae* of 1950 - to Pope Francis. He recalled Pope Leo XIII's Encyclical *Rerum Novarum* of 1891, which "constitutes a milestone in the development of the Church's social teaching" (30). In the

"years following, each successor of Peter " interpreted historical changes according to the Gospel, bringing to light different aspects of a single heritage: the dignity of the person, the value of work, the universal destination of goods, solidarity and subsidiarity, care for creation and the centrality of peace and fraternity" (45).

**Safeguarding human dignity**

In the second chapter, Pope Leo XIV explores the "Foundations and Principles of the Social Doctrine of the Church". These foundations, he says, include the dignity of the person, created in the image and likeness of God. It is important to recall this since "the pressure of new ideologies or certain highly powerful interests" can reduce the human person to "a resource to be used and exploited" or "on what they achieve or produce" (51). On the contrary, "the fundamental dignity of each person...is neither acquired nor earned, nor does it need to be justified" (53). A second foundation of the Social Doctrine of the Church is the inviolability of human rights, among which the first is the right to life "from conception to its natural end." In this regard, Leo XIV defines induced abortion, the killing of the innocent, and euthanasia as "choices that the Church considers gravely wrong" (55). The third foundation is the recognition of the rights of minorities, with particular attention to women. The Pope calls for "concrete decisions" in their favour regarding laws, employment, education, in social and political responsibilities, so that they may be truly heard and valued (57). 'Gravely immoral' to subjugate a nation Pope Leo XIV then identifies five principles of the Social Doctrine of the Church. The first is the common good, and the Pope defines it as "the social expression of the dignity recognized in every person" (59). He forcefully affirms that "the promotion of the common good can never be separated from respect for the right of peoples to exist, to preserve their own identity and to contribute their unique qualities to the family of nations." Therefore, he says, "any attempt or plan to eliminate or subjugate a nation is gravely immoral and therefore unacceptable" (64).