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Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe 26th November 2023

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Friday 12.30pm; Tuesday & Wednesday 8am

CONFESSIONS: Mondays 12-12:30pm (*and on request*)

HOLY HOUR: Thursdays 7-8pm (animated by HAKUNA eucharistic group)

"this kind of demon can only be cast out by prayer"

We will have a whole-night adoration to pray for peace.
From 7pm, Thursday 7th December, to 7am of the following day,
the Immaculate Conception, 8th December.

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We will implore the Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace
to offer solace and hope to those who are suffering,
to inspire the leaders of nations to seek paths of peace,
to reconcile all her children, seduced by evil, blinded by power and hate



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Hope, your 'little sister'



Today, Sunday 26th November, the Church celebrates the **World Youth Day**, initiated in 1985 by Pope Saint John Paul II.

We are told that when people would go to Pope John Paul II with a problem, the first question he asked was: "How do you see this in the light of faith?". How are things "in the light of hope"? How would your life, your choices, your actions be "in hope"? How would your history look like "under the light of hope"? How would your mistakes and sins look like? How would the Church and the world be "in hope"?

The French writer Charles Péguy, at the beginning of his poem on Hope, spoke of the three theological virtues – Faith, Hope and Charity – as three sisters walking together.

"Hope, the little one, walks beside her two older sisters, practically unseen.

Yet she, the little one, drags everything along.

Because Faith only sees what exists.

And Charity only loves what exists.

But Hope loves what will be.

She is the one who makes the others keep walking;

She is the one who leads them on,

and makes them all walk together"

Hope, your 'little sister', says: "You are wanted. You have a mission in your life. You are accepted. You are loved". Hope 'convinces' us, from within, of being accepted unconditionally, that it is good I exist.

The English writer C.S. Lewis, wrote of Hope as living continually on Earth with Heaven open. Not a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do. "It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next (...) they left their mark on Earth, precisely because their minds were occupied with Heaven. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth 'thrown in': aim at earth and you will get neither."

Let your 'little sister' drag you, aim at Hope, you will find Joy.

fr. Ivano

Father Ivano