EXPLORE WEEKLY



The King Will Judge All People

"The Son of Man will come again in his great glory. All his angels will come with him. He will be King and sit on his great throne. All the people of the world will be gathered before him. Then he will separate them into two groups as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. The Son of Man will put the sheep, the good people, on his right and the goats, the bad people, on his left.

"Then the King will say to the good people on his right, 'Come. My Father has given you his blessing. Come and receive the kingdom God has prepared for you since the world was made. I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was alone and away from home, and you invited me into your house. I was without clothes, and you gave me something to wear. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'

"Then the good people will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and give you food? When did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you alone and away from home and invite you into our house? When did we see you without clothes and give you something to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and care for you?'

"Then the King will answer, 'I tell you the truth. Anything you did for any of my people here, you also did for me.'

"Then the King will say to those on his left, 'Go away from me. God has said that you will be punished. Go into the fire that burns forever. That fire was prepared for the devil and his helpers. I was hungry, and you gave me nothing to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me nothing to drink. I was alone and away from home, and you did not invite me into your house. I was without clothes, and you gave me nothing to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you did not care for me.'

"Then those people will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty? When did we see you alone and away from home? Or when did we see you without clothes or sick or in prison? When did we see these things and not help you?'

"Then the King will answer, 'I tell you the truth. Anything you refused to do for any of my people here, you refused to do for me. These people will go off to be punished forever. But the good people will go to live forever."

based on Matthew 25:31-46

Let Us Pray

Loving Father, help me to be more like you so I can show love, care and kindness to others, just like you do for me. Amen.

Ponder...

What qualities would a good leader have?



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Reflection

Today's gospel presents a vision of Judgement Day when people are divided into two groups: the saved and the condemned. The only conditions that count are charitable acts done or not done by those being judged: *'I was hungry, or thirsty, or naked, or sick, or in prison, or a stranger and you didn't come to my help.'* Other things – like devotion, belief, or political views – apparently don't matter. So, this vision seems to show that charitable acts are the only valid and valuable response to poverty and hardship experienced by those around us. And that is true to some point, but what does it mean in real terms? Is it just about giving money or goods to those who are in need?

The main question about charity is about its ultimate purpose. It is about discovering, developing and enhancing the full potential of a person; that differs for each and every one, and which might change across the course their life. The main requirement is that it's a long-term commitment, because finding and developing a person's potential requires time and having a positive relationship. For those doing the supporting it's about perfecting their patience, compassion, understanding and love – though these must remain only side-effects of putting the person their helping at the centre of interest. Charitable involvement reaches its ultimate goal when those who have benefited from it start acting in a similar way towards others.

Charity is not about making ourselves feel better, but about helping others to find themselves.

Family Corner - Advent is Coming!

Using the grid, create an advent calendar for you or for your family. Fill in the gaps trying to add different activities, prayers, crafts and charity acts.

Advent Calendar 2026

Sun 29th November	Mon 30th November	Tues 1st December	Wed 2nd December	Thurs 3rd December	Fri 4th December	Sat 5th December
Pray for people who have had to flee war. 1st Sunday of Advent					Donate some food to your local foodbank.	
Sun 6th December	Mon 7th December	Tues 8th December	Wed 9th December	Thurs 10th December	Fri 11th December	Sat 12th December
2nd Sunday of Advent	Let God's light shine everywhere you go today!			Make Christmas cards and sent them to a local nursing home.		
Sun 13th December	Mon 14th December	Tues 15th December	Wed 16th December	Thurs 17th December	Fri 18th December	Sat 19th December
Pray for our families. 3rd Sunday of Advent						Help a family member by completing some extra chores.
Sun 20th December	Mon 21st December	Tues 22nd December	Wed 23rd December	Thurs 24th December	Fri 25th December	
4th Sunday of Advent	Make a paper star and write a prayer on it.		Ask God to forgive you. for the things you have done wrong.		 Have a joyous Christmas!	

Match



Match the needs to the help

I was ill and	you gave me food
I was a stranger and	you clothed me
I was naked and	you gave me drink
I was hungry and	you cared for me
I was in prison and	you welcomed me
I was thirsty and	you visited me

Whatever you have done the least of my people you are doing to me

Fun Fact

The Bible is not a book but a library of 73 books written by different authors and split into sections and sub-sections.

The books are grouped into the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Old Testament contains the Historical books, Wisdom books and books by the Prophets. New Testament contains the Gospels and Acts, letters and the Apocalypse.

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