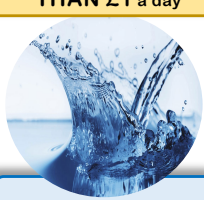


THE WORK OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

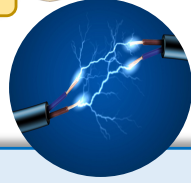
1.3 billion people around the world live in absolute poverty, which means they live on **LESS THAN £1** a day



Around 22,000 children die every day due to the effects of poverty; hunger, lack of sanitation and access to clean water



1.1 billion in developing countries don't have access to clean water



1.6 billion live without electricity



Infectious diseases that can easily be cured, such as malaria, cause the death of 1.8 million children each year



In the UK, in a classroom of 30 children, **9** are living in poverty

Pope Francis, June 2016

"Poverty has a face! It has the face of a child; it has the face of a family; it has the face of people, young and old. It has the face of widespread unemployment and lack of opportunity. It has the face of forced migrations, and of empty or destroyed homes."

Matthew's Gospel

Jesus said:

"feed the hungry, care for the sick, welcome the stranger."

"Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me."

Gaudium et Spes 29

"Feed the people dying of hunger, because if you do not feed them you are killing them."

The Final Judgement

(also known as the Parable of the Sheep and Goats)

Matthew 25:31-46



SHEEP



³¹ "When the Son of Man comes as King and all the angels with him, he will sit on his royal throne, ³² and the people of all the nations will be gathered before him. Then **he will divide them into two groups, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.** ³³ **He will put the righteous people at his right and the others at his left.** ³⁴ Then the King will say to the people on his right, **'Come, you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world.** ³⁵ **I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes,** ³⁶ **naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.'** ³⁷ The righteous will then answer him, 'When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink?' ³⁸ When did we ever see you a stranger and welcome you in our homes, or naked and clothe you?' ³⁹ When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you?' ⁴⁰ The King will reply, **'I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!'**

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, **'Away from me, you that are under God's curse! Away to the eternal fire which has been prepared for the Devil and his angels!** ⁴² **I was hungry but you would not feed me, thirsty but you would not give me a drink; ⁴³ I was a stranger but you would not welcome me in your homes, naked but you would not clothe me; I was sick and in prison but you would not take care of me.'** ⁴⁴ Then they will answer him, 'When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and we would not help you?' ⁴⁵ The King will reply, **'I tell you, whenever you refused to help one of these least important ones, you refused to help me.'** ⁴⁶ These, then, will be sent off to eternal punishment, but the righteous will go to eternal life."



What is a parable?
A parable is a story with a meaning. There are many parables in the New Testament section of the Bible. Jesus used parables to help teach about complicated ideas using simple stories.

Why sheep and goats?
Sheep are reliant on the guidance of a shepherd (we are the sheep and Jesus/God is our shepherd), whereas Goats are stubborn and self-reliant. They will eat anything and so are seen as dirty.

GOATS

Key Teachings in the Parable of the Sheep and Goats

- ✓ At the end of the world God will judge people on their behaviour and the choices they have made.
- ✓ God will separate the good from the bad like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
- ✓ On his right will be the GOOD (sheep). They will be with him in heaven.
- ✓ On his left will be the bad (goats). They will be sent away from him to hell.
- ✓ God judges us on how we treat our fellow humans, as we are all created in His image.

"The preferential option for the poor"

- The Catholic Church teaches that Catholics have a duty to work against the forces in society that create poverty
- This duty comes before many other acts of Christian love and service that a Catholic might perform because the Church asks its followers to put the poorest and most vulnerable people first
- This is what the perm 'preferential option for the poor' means.

Knowledge Check

1. According to recent statistics, how many people around the world live on less than £1 a day?
2. What is a parable?
3. What did the sheep do in the parable of the Sheep and Goats?
4. How are the sheep rewarded?
5. What can Christians learn from this parable?
6. What is meant by the "preferential option for the poor"?
7. What does *Gaudium et Spes 29* say about our responsibility for feeding the hungry?
8. Who are *Amnesty International*?

Choose a Task

1. Create a detailed mind-map (try to make this visual)
2. Create a multiple-choice quiz (aim for at least 10 questions)
3. Create a poster/leaflet

CHALLENGE!

Turn over the mat and try to complete your task without looking at the information. Then refer back to the task mat to see what you have missed/could have included.

Exam Question

c) Explain the teachings found in the parable of the sheep and goats [8]



The National association of prison visitors.

They visit those who do not normally receive domestic visits, but we also visit those who wish to have someone independent. Inmates' families may live abroad, far away in this country.



Amnesty international
Working to protect human rights.



The Red Cross
Helps people in crisis wherever, wherever they are



International medical organisation
working in nearly 70 countries



St John's Ambulance teach as many people first aid as possible so they can be the difference between a life lost and a life saved.



The Women's refuge helps to look after women and children who have been the victims of domestic abuse