

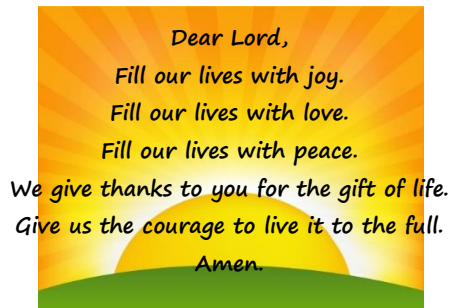


Our Vision...
Excellent teaching.

Our Vision...
Strong Catholic ethos.

Our Vision...
Exemplary behaviour and personal standards.

Our Vision...
Ensuring every child is known.



Our Vision...
At the heart of the community.

Our Vision...
High expectations of everyone.

Our Vision...
Excellent leadership at all levels.

Our Vision...
Keeping children safe in education.



Headteacher Message

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well.

In times such as these, it is vital that we have the most up to date contact information for our parents and guardians recorded on our system. If any changes are needed, please let us know as soon as you can. Similarly, if you are concerned about any family members coming on to the school site who may be elderly, vulnerable or shielding, please let us know as we can make a note on our system that they do not have the authority to collect children. Please note that only primary guardians will be contacted if a student needs picking up from school.

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Thank you for your co-operation as we navigate through these strange times.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Mrs Vile

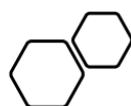


Notifications

- For students self-isolating, please see below some information on the expectations of our students.

Mr Cavanagh

Expectations of Students Self-Isolating



Participate in the blended learning process

Attend timetabled sessions for live, recorded or tasks to complete
 Complete independent work
 Submit tasks promptly



Independent work tasks will include

Working through presentations and worksheets
 Reading and making notes from textbooks and other electronic resources
 Listening exercises, essays, coursework, practice questions or past exam papers
 Working through exercises offered by external providers such as Seneca Learning, Hegarty Maths and The Everlearner



Read and respond to communications

Check your school email daily
 If you are having issues with school email contact helpdesk@epchs.co.uk
 Emails from class teacher, form tutor & pastoral leader
 Check for communications via Teams and Show My Homework Satchel One daily



Live or recorded lessons

Link will be sent via Microsoft Teams for the lesson to take place during usual timetabled lesson time
 Check Teams and Show My Homework Satchel One for regular updates



Work will be set for students at home via

Show My Homework Satchel One
 If you need SMHW Pin contact CJO@epchs.co.uk
 Microsoft Teams
 If you are having issues with Teams contact helpdesk@epchs.co.uk



Submitting work

To submit work use the Microsoft Teams Assignments Tab
 OR
 Email complete work to the member of staff
 By the set deadline
[Link to staff email](#)

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- STEM

The poster features a blue background with a white banner at the top containing icons for a flask, an atom, a gear, and the pi symbol, followed by the school crest. Below the banner, the text 'STEM Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics' is displayed. A red box contains the text 'Year 8 Every Thursday 3pm till 4pm in C 2'. A purple box contains the text '6th Form STEM Ambassadors Year 12 / 13'.

Mr Hickman / Mr Phelan

- MyON

myON the online reading portal is now available for all students in years 7, 8 and 9. myON provides a personalised literacy environment that gives students access to over 5 thousand digital books - categories include reading for fun, as well as books which help students with their studies across the curriculum. Students in years 7 and 8 can also quiz on their book through Accelerated Reader. Simply go to Students on the EPCHS homepage and click Renaissance learning. A book voucher will be awarded before the end of term to the students who read the most books on myOn.

To access myON students simply go to www.myon.co.uk - enter Ellesmere Port Catholic High School, username and password. Students will be taken to the interest's page where they will be asked 11 questions about their reading preferences. Tick English UK.

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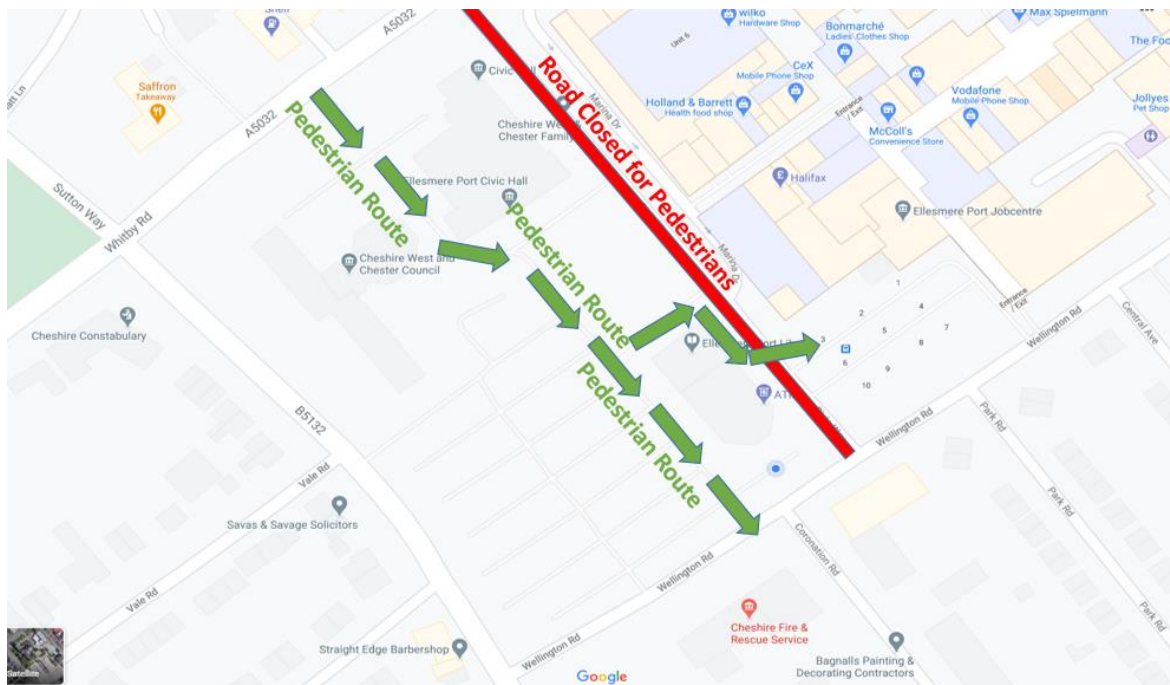
Click on Library at the top of the page, then Browse. Students will then be able to select a book to read.

If students have any problems accessing myON, please contact Mrs McHugh (dem@epchs.co.uk)

Mrs McHugh

- **Construction Works**

Vinci Construction have informed us of their current ongoing works in the centre of Ellesmere Port near the bus station. Alterations have been made to the pedestrian routes in and around the bus station, and we ask for your co-operation in informing your sons and daughters who use these routes to read the signage that is in place and cross at the new designated crossing point. Vinci Construction are currently experiencing pupils and members of the public ignoring these signs and putting themselves in danger. We will keep you informed of ongoing works and any changes that occur in the future.



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- **VIRTUAL Career and Education EXPO for Ellesmere Port and Chester**

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Ellesmere Port and Chester Virtual Career & Education EXPO

Be part of The Pledge's first virtual Careers & Education EXPO. Free and open to all in Ellesmere Port and Chester especially those in Year 9 – Year 13 including parents/carers.

Watch a series of videos and take part in our live, fully moderated chat function, allowing you to ask questions safely and directly to employers and education providers during the live event. Whether you are deciding on subjects to study or careers to pursue, this is a great step to help you to explore your options.

- ✓ Meet a wide range of local employers.
- ✓ Learn about apprenticeships and T-level progression routes.
- ✓ Understand your local college options and ask questions directly.
- ✓ Find out more about going to university and interact with local universities.

Register now

learnliveuk.com/ellesmere-port-and-chester-pledge-expo/

or email: roderick.hamilton@871candwep.co.uk



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Please encourage your young person to register on to the <https://learnliveuk.com/northwich-and-winsford-pledge-expo/> virtual career event taking place on **Wednesday 14th October at 4.00pm.**

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Businesses, colleges and universities will be ready on the live chat to answer all career related questions. This is a great opportunity to help young people with their career choices.

If parents and carers would like to know more, please register on this link for a meeting on **Monday 12th October at 5.00pm**, where the organisers, the Cheshire & Warrington Pledge, will be able to answer your questions:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cheshire-warrington-virtual-career-expos-a-guide-for-parents-tickets-124560508835>

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Pope offers Franciscan vision to heal broken world

by Christopher Lamb , in Assisi - 04 OCTOBER 2020, THE TABLET



Pope Francis signed his new encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, during a visit to Assisi, Italy.

Pope Francis sets out a vision for a new kind of politics in an encyclical which tackles a rising tide of “myopic” nationalism and moves the Church a step closer to a complete rejection of war.

As the world grapples with a global pandemic the new papal document, *Fratelli Tutti*, calls for a politics that rejects the “virus” of radical individualism and builds up the common good, with the 83-year-old Roman Pontiff offering the Gospel story of the Good Samaritan and the figure of St Francis of Assisi, his namesake, as guides.

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To adapt the famous prayer attributed to St Francis: where there is populism, the Pope wants to focus on people; where there is growing nationalism he calls for a reform of the United Nations; where there is radical individualism he calls for solidarity; where the free market dominates he calls for a fairer distribution of property; where political opponents hate each other, he urges them to dialogue.

And where there is aggression on social media the Pope calls for kindness – and to look away from the screen.

At a press conference to launch the encyclical, Dr Anna Rowlands, a Catholic social teaching professor at the University of Durham, said the encyclical is an attempt to bring a “bleeding and broken world back to health” and is “a devastating challenge to our economic, political and ecological life”.

The 70-page encyclical seeks to build a global movement of fraternity, although the Pope has faced criticism for the title “Brothers, all” a phrase taken from the writings of St Francis but criticised for using exclusive language. In the first line of the newly released papal document, however, the Pope says by using “Fratelli tutti” the Italian saint “addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel”.

The document covers a range of topics from digital culture, migrants, economics and nuclear weapons and in many instances re-iterates the positions that the Pope has taken on global issues.

But the encyclical also offers some developments to Catholic social teaching, including on war. In *Fratelli Tutti* the Pope restricts interpretations of the centuries-old “just war” teaching, which sets the conditions to justify armed conflict morally.

Francis stops just short of abolishing the theory altogether, but talks only of the “potential right” to go to war and warns the development of nuclear and chemical weapons means they have an “uncontrollable destructive power over great numbers of innocent civilians”. One of the conditions for a Just War is that only proportionate force is used.

“In recent decades, every single war has been ostensibly ‘justified’,” the Pope writes in the encyclical, released on 4 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.

“The Catechism of the Catholic Church speaks of the possibility of legitimate defence by means of military force, which involves demonstrating that certain ‘rigorous conditions of moral legitimacy’ have been met. Yet it is easy to fall into an overly broad interpretation of this potential right.”

Francis has pushed the Church closer to an anti-war position than his predecessors. In 2019, while in Japan, he said both the possession and the use of nuclear weapons were immoral - previously the possession had been permitted.

Four years ago, Cardinal Peter Turkson, [who runs the Vatican’s social justice department](#), called for a rejection of the *jus ad bellum* theory, which he saw as an outdated concept.

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“We can no longer think of war as a solution, because its risks will probably always be greater than its supposed benefits. In view of this, it is very difficult nowadays to invoke the rational criteria elaborated in earlier centuries to speak of the possibility of a ‘just war’,” the Pope writes, adding: “Never again war!”

Francis also repeats his condemnation of the death penalty which, along with war, he says are often presented as “false answers” to problems but introduce new elements of destruction into society. On this issue, the Pope, who has already shifted Catholic teaching to make the death penalty inadmissible, has placed himself on a collision course with Catholics in the United States who advocate for capital punishment.

As the US Attorney General in the administration of President Donald Trump, William Barr, a prominent Catholic, has reintroduced executions by the Federal Government for the first time since 2003.

By contrast, the Pope points out that Christian opposition to capital punishment goes back to the early Church, citing 9th century Pope Nicholas I and Saint Augustine. Along with worldwide abolishment of the death penalty, Francis is calling for justice systems that rehabilitate offenders and warns against life sentences without parole and the “growing practice” of the use of preventative custody and imprisonment without trial.

“Fear and resentment can easily lead to viewing punishment in a vindictive and even cruel way, rather than as part of a process of healing and reintegration into society,” the Pope explains.

Fratelli Tutti is the third encyclical of his pontificate. His first encyclical was *Lumen Fidei*, the light of faith. In the second, *Laudato si'*, he sets out a passionate defence of the natural world, and with *Fratelli Tutti* he addresses the whole of humanity. In addition, in another major document, the apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis offers a manifesto for Church renewal.

Francis explains his encyclical was inspired by “brothers and sisters who are not Catholic”, such as Reverend Dr Martin Luther King Jr, the Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu and India's Mahatma Gandhi. He calls for all religions to build up human fraternity stressing that people of faith “know that our witness to God benefits our societies” provided it is “never sullied by ideological or self-serving aims”. Early on in the encyclical, he references St Francis of Assisi's 1219 peace mission to cross the lines of the crusades and meet the Sultan of Egypt in a bid to end the conflict.

“[Saint] Francis did not wage a war of words aimed at imposing doctrines,” the Pope writes, “he simply spread the love of God”.

Dr Anna Rowlands, professor at Durham, offers her thoughts on the Pope's latest encyclical in a Tablet podcast with Christopher Lamb.

Along with Dr Rowlands, Dr Mohamed Mahmoud Abdel Salam, a lawyer former adviser to the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar who is secretary-general of an interreligious body formed after the Pope's visit to the United

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Arab Emirates, took part in the launch of the encyclical this morning. “I am a young Muslim,” he said. “And I am very much in agreement with the Pope, and I share all the words in his encyclical.”

In the face of populist nationalism and politicians who focus too much on short term gain, the Pope is urging a rebirth of statesmanlike leaders trying to solve the most pressing moral problems of our age such as tackling human trafficking, inequality, a “throwaway culture” that excludes people and ending conflicts. The Covid-19 pandemic, he says, has shown the global community is “all in the same boat”.

Far from rejecting the work of political leaders, the Pope stresses that politics is an act of charity but should be focussed on tenderness, kindness and dialogue.

“Politicians are doers, builders with ambitious goals, possessed of a broad, realistic and pragmatic gaze that looks beyond their own borders. Their biggest concern should not be about a drop in the polls, but about finding effective solutions,” he writes.

“If someone helps an elderly person cross a river that is a fine act of charity. The politician, on the other hand, builds a bridge, and that too is an act of charity. While one person can help another by providing something to eat, the politician creates a job.”

But Francis repeats his warning about the rise of populist nationalism witnessed across Europe, the United States and parts of Latin America which the Pope describes as “myopic, extremist, resentful and aggressive”. He sees the dream of a united Europe fading, along with efforts for more countries in Latin America to work collaboratively.

“Our own days, however, seem to be showing signs of a certain regression,” Francis writes. “There are those who appear to feel encouraged or at least permitted by their faith to support varieties of narrow and violent nationalism, xenophobia and contempt, and even the mistreatment of those who are different.”

He argues the frailest, and vulnerable, members of communities are too often neglected, that society is still “illiterate” when it comes to supporting those on the margins and pointed to the elderly who died as a result of Covid-19.

“We have seen what happened with the elderly in certain places in our world as a result of the coronavirus. They did not have to die that way,” Francis explains.

Another area of development of Catholic social teaching in the encyclical can be found in the section on the universal destination of goods, the principle that says the world’s resources need to be shared among the whole of humanity but balanced with the right to private property.

In *Fratelli Tutti*, however, the Jesuit Pope says the the “right to private property can only be considered a secondary natural right, derived from the principle of the universal destination of created goods”. It should, he adds, have “concrete consequences that ought to be reflected in the workings of society” but too often “secondary rights displace primary and overriding rights.”

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His arguments on property come in an encyclical where Francis re-iterates warning about having an uncritical faith in the free market along with the influence of vested financial interests on politics. He says the fragility of world systems in the face of the pandemic has demonstrated that not everything can be resolved by market freedom.

In the face of coarsening, polarising and aggressive political environment, Francis wants a politics of kindness, tenderness and love which is embodied by the Good Samaritan who crossed the street to help his neighbour suffering on the side of the road.

His encyclical calls for peacemakers, particularly online. Digital platforms, the Pope says, can build encounters, but “social aggression has found unparalleled room for expansion through computers and mobile devices” and led to campaigns of hatred.

It has also allowed for ideologies to spread: “Things that until a few years ago could not be said by anyone without risking the loss of universal respect can now be said with impunity, and in the crudest of terms, even by some political figures.”

Francis’ remedy is a culture of encounter, where people try to “seek the truth in dialogue”, to look for reconciliation, and develop friendships which take place away from a screen.

“Digital connectivity is not enough to build bridges. It is not capable of uniting humanity,” the Pope says.

Finally, Francis offers up another model of Christian living, [Blessed Charles de Foucauld](#), who witnessed to the radical inclusivity of the Gospel in North Africa by building a monastery in the Moroccan desert and worked among Muslims, the poor and abandoned.

“Only by identifying with the least did he come at last to be the brother of all,” the Pope writes.

The 266th Successor of St Peter, the first to call himself after St Francis, concludes the encyclical with an ecumenical prayer:

“O God, Trinity of love, from the profound communion of your divine life, pour out upon us a torrent of fraternal love. Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus, in his family of Nazareth, and in the early Christian community. Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel, discovering Christ in each human being, recognising him crucified in the sufferings of the abandoned and forgotten of our world, and risen in each brother or sister who makes a new start. Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves. Amen”.

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