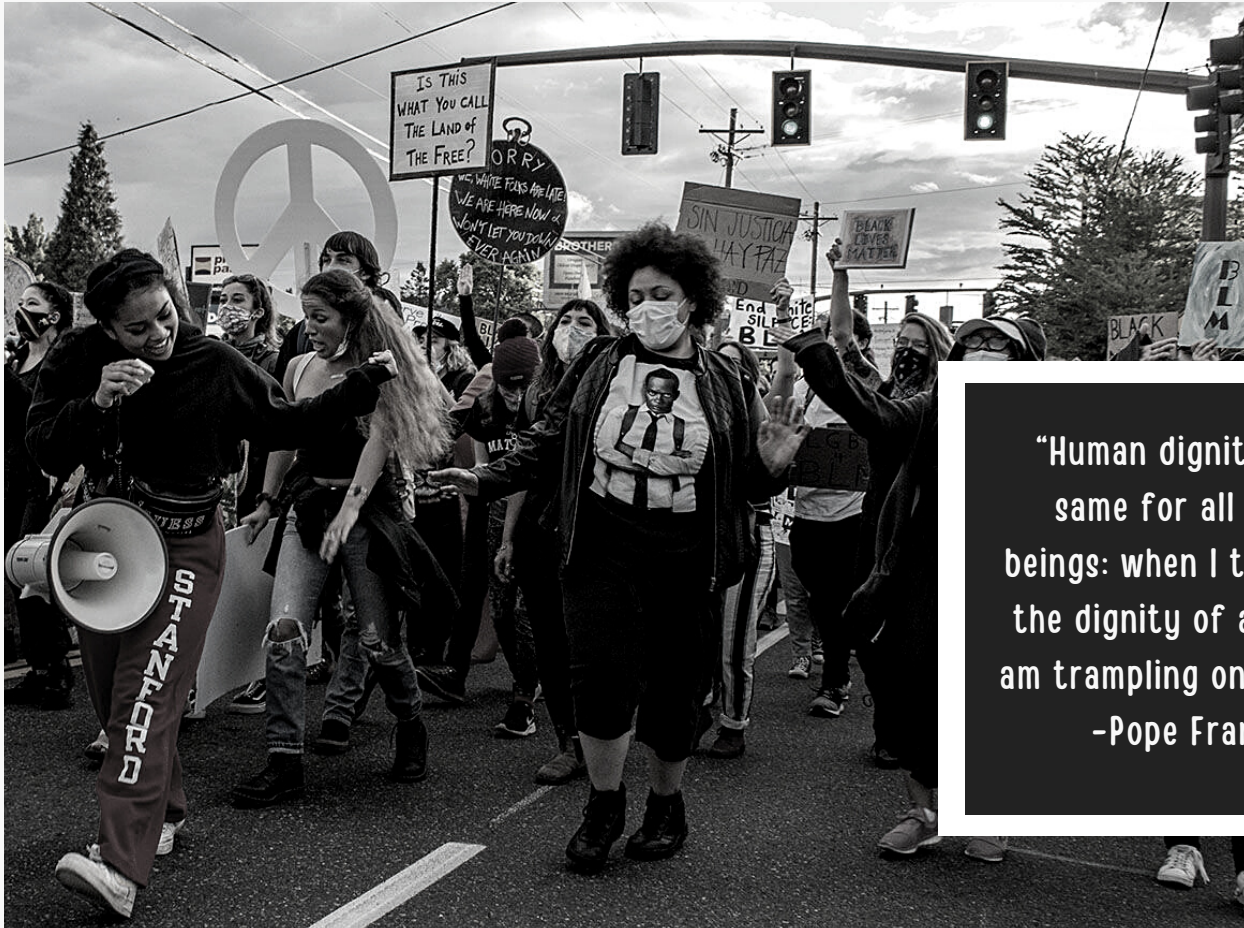


RACIAL JUSTICE

This year's Racial Justice Sunday falls on 12th February 2022. The theme is "in the Image and Likeness of God" celebrating different presentations of the Holy Family from different countries and cultures. The aim, in 2022, is to continue these conversations about how we see others in the "Image and Likeness of God."



"Human dignity is the same for all human beings: when I trample on the dignity of another, I am trampling on my own."
-Pope Francis.



WORD OF THE WEEK

God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild animals and all the creatures that creep along the ground. God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them.'

GENESIS 1: 26-27

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

This week's prayer for the week comes from a letter written by Pope Francis called Fratelli Tutti:

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.



Over the last few years we have seen a lot in the news about racism and protests fighting for racial justice and for equality. Our Word of the Week this week and the theme for Racial Justice Sunday 2022 makes clear that we are all created in the image and likeness of God. And seeing us all as being made in the image of God means there is no place for discrimination. We are all equal. But that is not always the lived experience of us all.

This week we remember and pray for all those that have suffered at the hands of others due to race. We pray for a world where diversity is celebrated. But also this week is about action. What can we do to make sure we are treating everyone equally and doing what we can to overcome racial injustice.



No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin or his background or his religion. People learn to hate and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love for love comes more naturally to human heart than its opposite.



Nelson Mandela
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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Have you ever experienced being treated differently because of your race?

Has a friend or someone you know experienced racism?

Have you ever judged someone or made an assumption about them because of their race or the colour of their skin?



SOMETHING TO DO
AFTER REFLECTING ON RACIAL JUSTICE THIS WEEK, WHAT IS YOUR RACIAL JUSTICE MESSAGE?

WRITE YOUR MESSAGE ON A PIECE OF CARDBOARD OR PAPER AND MAKE YOUR OWN RACIAL JUSTICE PLACARD.



SOMETHING TO LISTEN TO

[CLICK HERE](#) TO LISTEN TO THE OUR FATHER IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES.

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“For the Lord loves justice; he will not forsake his faithful ones.” Psalm 37: 28