

Our Parish Liturgy

This Week (Trinity A)

DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 1
ENTRANCE HYMN	18.00 293 09.00 293 11.00 Musicians
PENITENTIAL ACT	Spoken
GLORIA	18.00 New Celtic Liturgy 09.00 New Celtic Liturgy 11.00 Musicians
FIRST READING	Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 <i>'The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious.'</i>
PSALM RESPONSE	<i>To be praised and highly exalted for ever!</i>
SECOND READING	2 Corinthians 13:11-14 <i>'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.'</i>
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is and who was and who is to come. Alleluia!</i>
GOSPEL READING	John 3:16-18 <i>'God sent his Son in order that the world might be saved through him.'</i>
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	18.00 314 09.00 314 11.00 Musicians
SANCTUS	18.00 New Celtic Liturgy 09.00 New Celtic Liturgy 11.00 Musicians
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION	18.00 New Celtic Liturgy 09.00 New Celtic Liturgy 11.00 Musicians
GREAT AMEN	18.00 New Celtic Liturgy 09.00 New Celtic Liturgy 11.00 Spoken
OUR FATHER	18.00 Spoken 09.00 Spoken 11.00 Musicians
AGNUS DEI	18.00 Spoken 09.00 Spoken 11.00 Musicians
COMMUNION ANTIPHON	<i>Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.</i>
THANKSGIVING	18.00 468 09.00 468 11.00 Musicians

RECESSION	18.00 719 09.00 719 11.00 Musicians
Next Week (Corpus Christi A)	
DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 2
FIRST READING	Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a <i>'He fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know.'</i>
PSALM RESPONSE	<i>O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!</i>
SECOND READING	1 Corinthians 10:16-17 <i>'Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body.'</i>
GOSPEL READING	John 6:51-58 <i>'My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.'</i>
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MARRIAGE MATTERS

In his Apostolic Exhortation **Amoris Laetitia**, Pope Francis offers a profound insight into the joy of Christian marriage and reminds us of its place at the very heart of the Church's life. Christian marriage, he observes, 'is a sign of how much Christ loved his Church in the covenant sealed on the cross, yet it also makes that love present in the communion of the spouses. By becoming one flesh, they embody the espousal of our human nature by the Son of God.'

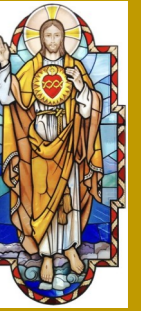
As we know, the Holy Scriptures feed and nourish our faith and help us to grow in our relationship with God and one another. It is for this reason that these scriptural reflections are offered. They should help enable married couples to focus on the richness of God's Word that we hear proclaimed each Sunday of the Year and to experience the deep joy of God's love expressed in the great Sacrament of Marriage.

BE UNITED AND LIVE IN PEACE



In today's readings, God is revealed as full of compassion, tenderness and love for His people. Through the sacrament of marriage, we are called to reflect these qualities through our relationship with each other. When we are irritated and react angrily, it is important that we look at ourselves together, trying to recognise why, and seek to correct the causes.

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THIS WEEK:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Mo 1 Kgs. 3-4; 2 Chr. 1; Ps. 72
Tu Song of Solomon
We Prov. 1-4
Th Prov. 5-8
Fr Prov. 9-12

Financial News . . .

Weekend of 24/05/26

1st Plate £ 647:86
Standing Orders £ 755:00
Contactless £ 105:00
1st Total £ 1,507:86
2nd Total £ 140:50

Diocesan Missionary Endeavour

Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish.

2nd Collection . . .

This Weekend 31/05/26 None
Next Weekend 07/06/26 None

Bite Size . . .

We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

God is for everyone



On this feast of the Most Holy Trinity, otherwise known as Trinity Sunday, each reading points to different aspects of God's identity. The first reading recounts the glimpse of the creator God whom Moses encountered on Mount Sinai: a "merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Paul's Letter to the Corinthians reminds us of the gifts that each person of the Trinity has to offer us: "the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit." In the Gospel reading, John tells us of a God who loves us so much that he allowed his Son to leave his side and come into our world to experience human life.

The Gospel passage begins with the famous verse referenced on placards in the crowds at popular sporting events: John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Martin Luther, the force behind the Protestant Reformation, called this verse "the Gospel in miniature." Note that John's view of God's love and desire for salvation extends to the entire world. God so loved all of humanity that he sent his only Son, not "God so loved the Jews," or the "early

Jewish-Christians," or the "Christians" who came after the Resurrection. This was a new way of thinking for many believers in Jesus' time who were locked into a mindset of an "in group" and an "out group." Even today, many religious traditions can be very exclusive. If you are in the "out group" there isn't much chance of working your way into the "in group" except through exacting work.

This passage suggests differently. God wants all people to be saved, and God will welcome all who live in the light (as John goes on to explain a few verses later). God didn't send Jesus to condemn anyone, but some people choose against Jesus and God, thereby "condemning" themselves. God doesn't act as a judge; individuals choose for themselves to accept or reject God.



"God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

Sheepish Question:
What can I do each day to embrace God's love and understand salvation in Jesus?

Questions of the week

- 1 What does verse 3:16 mean to you: "For God so loved the world...?"
- 2 Which way of thinking do you tend to lean toward - believing that God is our judge or that we choose our own eternal destiny by how we choose to live our lives?

Before Mass - Talk to God During Mass - Listen to God After Mass - Talk to your friends

Parish Office

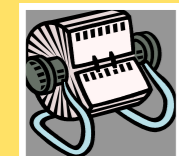
Normal Office Hours : Monday to Friday 09.30 - 12.30.

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Newsletter Editorial : Items for possible inclusion in the Parish Newsletter (if there is room) need to be received (in writing please) at the Parish Office by midday on Wednesday.

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General Parish Information

Parishioner Registration : Every household within the Parish is requested to complete a 'Parishioner Registration/Census' form so that our Parish records may be kept up to date. These forms can be obtained from the Parish Office and should be completed fully before being returned to the Parish Office.

Should you move address within the Parish at any time please complete a new form and write 'AMENDMENT' across the top of the form. Thank you.

Hospital : If you are going into hospital as a 'planned admission' you are strongly encouraged to make contact with Fr Daryl well beforehand so that, if appropriate, the Sacrament of the Sick can be celebrated beforehand.

Infant Baptism : Infant Baptisms are intended for the children of practising parishioners only and are celebrated on five occasions during the year after parents and godparents have completed a course of preparation. There can be no celebration without this important course. The dates of the courses for the current year can be found in the application form available from the Parish Office. Baptisms do not take place during the seasons of Advent or Lent.

Sacramental Preparation : Notice of the availability of Application Forms for preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will be made via the Parish Newsletter between the school Summer Half Term and 31st August each year. Possible candidates for Confirmation should respond to the announcements made via the Parish Newsletter at the beginning of the Autumn school term.

Parishioners are advised that it is very difficult to imagine that any family or individual who is not regularly practising the Faith as members of our community could possibly be ready to celebrate a Sacrament of the Church.

Marriage Preparation : Marriages are celebrated by appointment with the Parish Priest. It should be remembered that in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton twelve months minimum notice is required before a marriage may take place; this is a requirement of the Church for all marriages that involve a Roman Catholic (even if they are not taking place in the Catholic Church). It is also necessary that one of the parties must have a meaningful connection with the Parish. Marriages do not take place during the seasons of Advent or Lent.

Parish Car Park : All Parishioners attending Mass and using our Car Park need to make sure that they have fully completed our 'Parishioner Registration/Census Form' (available from the Parish Office) before using the Car Park; this ensures that your current vehicle registration is lodged in the system. Registering only needs to be done once (unless you change your car or if you use another car in the family that is not registered on the system).

Important : if you are not registered on the system and you use the car park you will receive a parking notice. Registered Parishioners and pre-registered visitors are able to park whilst they attend our Masses/liturgies without fear of a charge notice. (Car Park queries - parking@shpcobham.com)

NOTE : the Car Park does not use QR codes any found are **scams!**

Church Mouse (cub reporter). . .



The musings of one of God's smallest creatures on events in and around the Parish over the past seven days

A time of being all over the place for Fr D this week and two requiem Masses to celebrate as well

At our 11.00 Sunday morning Mass last weekend Fr D celebrated the 'Rite of Welcome' for a toddler who will be baptised in June. The 'Rite of Welcome' is the front part of the baptism ceremony that used to be celebrated at the church door when parents brought their child for baptism. The Rite enables the community in which the child will be baptised to acknowledge that they are preparing to join the community.

On Bank Holiday Monday Fr D had lunch with two former parishioners from Reigate his (first parish as a Parish Priest), one of whom used to be his cleaner. Lunch took place at a local hostelry and many, many old times were called to mind.

Tuesday morning Fr D celebrated the first of two requiems this week and following this he went to the Tilt Cemetery to celebrate the burial. By the time that he returned home afterwards he thought that he was melting and quickly changed out of 'the black' and into shorts and a t-shirt. It still took copious amounts of drinking cold water from the fridge before he felt anything approaching human again.

Wednesday morning saw another blistering day weather-wise and another requiem for Fr D to celebrate. This time after the service Fr D went off to Randalls Park Crematoria with the family afterwards. Once again he was overheating by the time he returned and the shorts and another t-shirt appeared, along with several bottles of water from the fridge.

On Thursday Fr D did not have a Mass to celebrate in the Sacred Heart owing to the annual Jubilarians celebration down at Arundel Cathedral. This was an opportunity for all the clergy of the diocese to celebrate with this year's Jubilarians 60, 50, 40, and 25 years of ministry as a priest in the diocese. After the Mass there was a photocall for the Jubilarians in the Cathedral precincts before a nice lunch in the Cathedral Hall, just along the road. Because there was a reasonable breeze on the day Fr D took his time driving home what he called "the scenic route" - involving no motorway driving at all.

After Morning Prayer and Mass on Friday, Fr D had just a few bits to do for the newsletter this week before handing it over to Sarah in the Parish Office. In the evening he went out for a meal with two parishioners



CHILDREN'S WORD SEARCH TRINITY SUNDAY YEAR A

M L I Z D Q X P T H R O U G H
V D J P Q W T W V L R C I D A
C Y U L I F E O K D D E D B V
I T H S B N R W L Z K O H M V
S H Z N D G G J L G B S E N D
J G O D B M A M R Y F N U L O
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X R C V T D P I P F P E R S H
S L S G C E X S Z N I R Z D T
V D B Q G M F H E T E R N A L
U G Y W P N V B E L I E V E S



For God **loved** the world so much...

LOVED	ETERNAL	LIFE
THROUGH	SON	HIM
PERISH	WHOEVER	BELIEVES
GOD	GAVE	SAVE
SEND	CONDEMN	WORLD

FOR GOD SO LOVED

John 3:16-18

¹⁶For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its saviour. ¹⁸Those who believe in the Son are not judged; but those who do not believe have already been judged, because they have not believed in God's only Son.

Other Readings: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9; Daniel 3:52-56; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

LECTIO:

These few verses are among the best known in the Bible. For some these words have opened the doorway into life as a Christian believer.

As we take a closer look at them it is actually not at all clear who is speaking here, and the Greek text can be interpreted in different ways. It could be Jesus himself continuing his conversation with Nicodemus (verses 1-13) or it could be the gospel writer adding his own comments.

The two preceding verses help to deepen our appreciation of this text. They refer to the Son of Man being lifted up so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. ('Lift up' has two meanings, referring both to the cross and to Jesus' ascension to heaven.) A direct reference is made to the account in Numbers 21:6-9 where the Israelites sinned and were punished by poisonous snakes. Moses intercedes for them and God instructs him to make a snake and put it on a pole. Those who looked on the bronze snake were healed and their lives saved. The symbol of the snake on a pole remains a symbol of healing in some countries today and is used by various medical organisations. The parallel is clear: all human beings are smitten with a deadly disease but there is a cure – believing in Jesus and his victory over sin on the cross.

These verses give us a wonderful insight into God the Father and the Son. God is not indifferent to the plight of people as some believe. He loves us and demonstrated his love through his Son's birth on earth and death on the cross. This is repeated in 2 Peter 3:9, '...he wants everyone to turn from sin and no one to be lost.'

Jesus' primary purpose is to bring salvation rather than judgement; nevertheless, we will be judged by our response to him. Believing and following Jesus causes us to live in the light. But those who choose to remain in darkness have to bear the consequences.



MEDITATIO:

- How do these verses speak to you?
- Take some time to reflect on God's love for you personally and indeed for everyone. How do you respond to this?
- How might you explain these verses to someone who is interested in becoming a Christian?

ORATIO:

'The Lord God came down in a cloud and stood beside Moses there on the mountain. God spoke his holy name, "the Lord." Then he passed in front of Moses and called out, "I am the Lord God. I am merciful and very patient with my people. I show great love, and I can be trusted. I keep my promises to my people forever, but I also punish anyone who sins..."'
Exodus 34:5-7

Respond to God in worship and thanksgiving. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any sin you need to confess. Intercede for those who need to receive God's love and forgiveness.

CONTEMPLATIO:

Reflect on the following verses from 1 John 4:10-14. What do you think about them?

'This is what love is: it is not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the means by which our sins are forgiven. Dear friends, if this is how God loved us, then we should love one another. No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God lives in union with us, and his love is made perfect in us. We are sure that we live in union with God and that he lives in union with us, because he has given us his Spirit. And we have seen and tell others that the Father sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world.'

Day	Date	Time	Service / Intention	Donor
Sat.	30 th May	Ferial Weekday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Stream / Recorded	18.00 Peter & Vicki Carr †	M. Drury
Sun.	31 st May	TRINITY SUNDAY, YEAR A		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Stream / Recorded	09.00 For the Parishioners	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Stream / Recorded	11.00 In thanksgiving	M.
Mon.	1 st June	St Justin, Martyr		
			No Service Today Mass 09.30 at Walton	
Tue.	2 nd June	Ferial Weekday		
		09.00	Morning Prayer of the Church [p.p. 41 & 493]	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Streamed	09.30 Dermot Allen †	J. & E. Yates
			10.00 - 11.00 Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Private Prayer	
Wed.	3 rd June	St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs		
		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church [p.p. 51 & 493]	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Streamed	09.30 Michael Maghan †	L. Massey
Thu.	4 th June	Ferial Weekday		
		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church [p.p. 60 & 493]	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Streamed	09.30 David Smyth †	L. Massey
Fri.	5 th June	St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr (Day of Abstinence)		
		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church [p.p. 71 & 493]	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Streamed	09.30 In honour & reparation to the Sacred Heart (First Friday)	M.
Sat.	6 th June	Ferial Weekday		
		17.00 - 17.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Stream / Recorded	18.00 Holy Souls	J. & E. Yates
Sun.	7 th June	CORPUS CHRISTI, YEAR A		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Stream / Recorded	09.00 Ursula Robinson	M. Drury
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Stream / Recorded	11.00 For the Parishioners	
		15.30	Evening Prayer & Benediction	

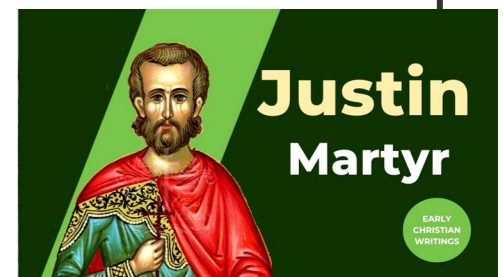
'Mass Intentions' are published in the Parish Newsletter on the weekend before they are celebrated although sometimes a Requiem Mass will 'bump' an intention to a later date.

St Justin Martyr

St Justin Martyr never ended his quest for religious truth even when he converted to Christianity after years of studying various forms of pagan philosophies. As a young man, he was principally attracted to the school of Plato. However, he found that the Christian religion answered the great questions about life and existence far better than the philosophers. Upon his conversion he continued to wear the philosopher's mantle, and

became the first Christian philosopher. He combined the Christian religion with the best elements in Greek philosophy. In his view, philosophy was a pedagogue of Christ, an educator that was to lead one to Christ. St Justin Martyr is known as an apologist, one who defends in writing the Christian religion against the misunderstandings and many attacks of the pagans. Two of his so-called apologies have come down to us; they are addressed to the Roman

emperor and to the Senate. For his staunch adherence to the Christian religion, Justin was beheaded in Rome in 165.



DATE / MASS	WELCOME MINISTERS	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	REPOSITORY AFTER MASS
SATURDAY Corpus Christi A 06/06/26 18.00	Still Required; please offer	G. Alby	N/A at present	P. Hunt A. Essien
SUNDAY Corpus Christi A 07/06/26 09.00	Still Required; please offer	D. Westsmith	G. Fisher D. McEvoy	B. Harris M. Jethwa
SUNDAY Corpus Christi A 07/06/26 11.00	Still Required; please offer	E. Twist	P. Hourquebie C. Hourquebie	M. Smith C. Kendall

PLEASE REMEMBER : If you are unable to complete your particular ministry then it is **your responsibility** to arrange cover with another minister. In this way our Sunday Liturgies will run in a smooth and prayerful way.



OUR PARISH SUPPORTS THE COBHAM AREA FOODBANK

UPDATED LIST OF WANTED ITEMS



Are you able to help local people in crisis by purchasing items on the list below and placing them in the Foodbank's collection point in the narthex when you come to Mass at the weekend? Thank You!

- ⇒ UHT Fruit Juice
- ⇒ UHT Semi-Skimmed Milk
- ⇒ Fruit Squash
- ⇒ Hot Chocolate
- ⇒ Tinned Vegetables & Potatoes
- ⇒ Jam
- ⇒ Deodorant (for men & women)
- ⇒ Sugar 500g
- ⇒ Hair Shampoo & Conditioner
- ⇒ Laundry Powder / Liquid / Capsules
- ⇒ Rice 500g
- ⇒ Tinned Meat
- ⇒ Tinned Custard
- ⇒ Marmite
- ⇒ Children's Cereal
- ⇒ Tomato Ketchup
- ⇒ Antibacterial Multipurpose Spray
- ⇒ Toilet Rolls
- ⇒ Sanitary Pads
- ⇒ Liquid Hand Soap

Prayers Please

FOR THOSE UNWELL AT THIS TIME:
Sr Anne Bayley, Norma Begley, Fr Tony Bridson, Maggie Dongray, Tom Delbridge, Jonica Fox, Fiona Frank, Maureen Garner, baby Naomi Hunt, Michael Nutter, Fr Sebastian Paul, Pascal Smyth, Anne Sproul and John Wilkey.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:
Philip True†
Deacon David Boyd †
Canon Cyril Plummer †
Fr Louis Keating †
Fr Maurice Pledger †
Fr Howard Kelleher †
Deacon John Brockman †

HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION:

. . . . "Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food."

For those who are unwell.....

those who have died recently....

those whose anniversaries occur.....

the Holy Father's Prayer Intention....

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:
None

**CORPUS CHRISTI
7TH JUNE (NEXT WEEKEND)**



EXTENDED EXPOSITION - next weekend we will be celebrating our annual extended period of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Sacred Heart Church from after our Sunday morning 11.00 Mass and ending with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 15.30. At the rear of the church is a 'sign-up' sheet for parishioners to say that they will be present so that we know that the entire time period is covered; please sign-up **TODAY!**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - A reminder to all of our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist that it is a requirement of the diocese that your commitment to your ministry within the Parish should be publicly renewed annually. This will be done at our Masses at 09.00 or 11.00 next Sunday (7th June). Please do make a point to sign your name in the sacristy after the

Mass you attend on Corpus Christi so that your renewal can be recorded and sent through to the diocese. Thank you.

CAFOD DEBT PETITION - There is a global debt crisis causing immense suffering for our brothers and sisters in low-income countries. Money that should be spent on healthcare and education is flowing out from countries that can least afford it. Complex factors have caused this crisis and now governments have an impossible choice between serving their people or paying their creditors. Often, they have paid their original debt back, but spiralling interest means they will never break the cycle. There are practical solutions available. Please sign the petition at: www.cafod.org.uk/cancelthedebt

CAR PARK DATABASE OF REGISTERED PARISHIONER CARS - The last time this was done was in 2021. In the next few weeks, the system will have an 'auto-purge' so that all vehicles that are currently registered **but have not used** in the car park for the last six months will be purged from the system (ceasing to be ignored by the cameras).

If you are a Registered Parishioner and have a car that you wish to remain on the system, that you **have not used in the last six months** - please contact the Parish Office (cobham@abdiocese.org.uk) to have the vehicle re-registered. Thank you.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS IS "A GIFT TO THE WORLD"

Last Monday 25th May, Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical letter, *Magnifica humanitas*, was presented in the Vatican's Synod Hall.

Professor Anna Rowlands, a theologian and Professor at Durham University, was one of the speakers at the presentation. Following the launch event, Professor Rowlands reflected on this significant day and what it means for the Church and for the world:

"The day has been pretty exciting, intense and momentous, as you would expect. This is the first time that a Pope has attended in the modern era, at least, the launch of a papal encyclical. Today there was a sense of a really important issue and set of topics being addressed, but also of a real gathering together with a spirit of appropriate celebration of a text that I think is a gift to the world."

Turning to the encyclical, Professor Rowlands noted that Pope Leo has been focused on AI as a central issue since the beginning of his papacy. She explained:

"I think he genuinely feels that we're living on the cusp of a new phase of the industrial revolution, and that we've entered a new moment where those same issues, in an intensified way, are now present to us again."

Describing the urgency with which Pope Leo is approaching the topic, she said:

"[The Pope] thinks that this is an issue we should have been thinking about *yesterday*, and I think he worries, genuinely, that people don't feel confident to tackle the AI conversation. He wants people to feel confident; their expertise doesn't need to be in science or tech to engage with this issue. We do need the people with those bodies of expertise, but we are experts in humanity. We know what it is to inhabit a human body, to desire real human relationships rather than mere artificial connection with each other."

The central focus of *Magnifica humanitas* is the dignity of the human person, and the need to ensure "the genuine flourishing of human beings."