



Scripture

“Rain righteousness, you heavens, let the skies above pour down; let the earth open to receive it, that it may bear the fruit of salvation with righteousness in blossom at its side.” Isaiah 45:8 from the Breviary.

“May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.” 1 Thessalonians 3: 12-13 from the Breviary.

Catechism

1830 The moral life of Christians is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are permanent dispositions which make man docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Comment

With the plunging temperatures and the cost of living crisis, many children are struggling in their families. Where there are gaps in state provision for the needy, many are relying upon charities as never before. Yet charities themselves are beginning to feel the pinch with donations down as people's pockets are being hit.

Organisation of the month

The Catholic Children's Society seeks to assist children with their needs: physical, mental, emotional. Visit www.cathchild.org.uk for more information about how to donate and contribute to their work over Christmastide.

Action

Pray: that God the Father, in the name of Jesus Christ His Son, may, by the power of the Holy Spirit, empower you to be a “light in the darkness for the upright: generous, merciful and just.” Psalm 111 (112) from the Breviary.

Think: about your children or your own childhood. In which ways do you feel that you were blessed?

Act: Visit www.cathchild.org.uk for more information about how you can help.

“Do as much as you can. God will do what we ourselves cannot do.” St. John Bosco, Letter to Cagliero, November 13th 1875