



Scripture

Old Testament: "Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk." Isaiah 55:1 from the Breviary.

New Testament: "They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." Revelation 7:16-17 from The Poverty and Justice Bible, Catholic Edition.

Catechism

"Christians are committed to just societal structures. Part of this is universal access to the material, intellectual and spiritual goods of this world." YOUCAT #332

Comment

In an age when scientists make new and exciting discoveries and engineers make devices that improve the quality of lives, some may find it astonishing that millions around the world still lack access to clean, fresh water. Contaminated water, apart from causing sickness and even death by ingestion, also impacts personal hygiene with regards to washing, laundry and food preparation amongst others.

Organisation of the month

WaterAid is a charity that does 'what it says on the tin'. It exists to provide safe, clean drinking water to millions who would not have access to this resource. Please visit www.wateraid.org for more information about how you can support its work.

Pray, Think, Act

Pray: that God the Father of all mercies may, in the name of Jesus Christ His Son and the power of the Holy Spirit, equip you and encourage you, with Mary Help of Christians and all the saints, to be a sign and witness to God's love through your good works.

Think: How many times have you used water by the time that you read this newsletter? How you ever considered how many litres of water you personally consume each day? In the Afar region of Ethiopia, some travel ten hours a day to obtain water (cf. CAFOD, Walk for Water campaign). How long does it take for you to get yourself and your loved ones a drink of water?

Act: Visit www.wateraid.org for more information and to donate to this worthy cause.

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