

Racial Justice Sunday 2026

Questions for Reflection

"Whoever loves God must also love his brother" (1 John 4:21): Promoting Racial Justice in our Parishes is our theme for Racial Justice Sunday 2026.

Where racial justice is concerned, we must never tire of repeating what has been said before, though we always seek new ways to convey our message. Racial Justice Sunday 2026 is devoted to the promotion of racial justice in our Catholic parishes across England and Wales and society. It seeks to foster an awareness of the need for justice in all its forms.

In an increasingly tense climate, it is imperative that we listen to, and learn from, the experiences, challenges and opportunities encountered in the mission of promoting racial justice in Catholic parishes today. Our parishes should be places where we can all truly grow in ever-deeper knowledge and love of each other, ourselves and God.

The resources for this year's Racial Justice Sunday are specially designed to create a culture of welcome and hospitality in parishes, encourage inclusive approaches to parish ministry, and foster greater openness to acceptance while learning from other cultures and traditions.

As part of these resources, we have suggested a handful of questions to support parish reflection and action in promoting racial justice. We hope you find them helpful!

Questions

1. How does the line "Whoever loves God must also love his brother" resonate with your own experiences or aspirations for racial justice in your parish?
 - a. In what ways can our faith guide us in promoting racial justice in our parishes?
 - b. How does your parish ensure that all members feel included and involved in the life of the Church? Can you give examples?
 - c. What would you say are the main challenges and opportunities for promoting racial justice in your parish?
2. How has the understanding of racial justice changed in your parish over time? Have there been changes in how you think about it?
3. Which saint resonates with you the most, and why? How do you think your parish can benefit from showing the many different saints around the world?
4. How might the iconography of Our Lady and the Child Jesus, drawn from a diverse range of countries and cultures, assist your parish to discuss and promote racial justice and diversity?