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In a recent interview with the Argentine publication *Viva*, Pope Francis issued a list of 10 tips to be a happier person, based on his own life experiences.

The Pope encouraged people to be more positive and generous, to turn off the TV and find healthier forms of leisure, and even to stop trying to convert people to one's own religion.

But his number one piece of advice came in the form of a somewhat cliché Italian phrase that means, "move forward and let others do the same." It's basically the Italian equivalent of, "live and let live." You can check out the full list below.

We Welcome...

- People of All Faiths and Cultures
- Divorced or Separated Persons
- Families with Children
- Those in Loving Relationships
- Those in Difficulty
- Married Couples
- Single Persons
- Those in Recovery
- Travellers from Far and Near
- Widows and Widowers
- Visitors



*The Pope gives a thumbs up to an audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican.
(Photo: CSV)*

We Seek...

- To live the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- To Gather the Community and Tell the Story
- To Sing and Make Music to the Lord
- To Break the Bread and Share the Cup

We Celebrate...

- Diversity
- A spirit of hospitality
- The unity that God wills
- Enlightening those who seek God
- Forming small faith communities
- Reaching out to alienated Catholics
- Reverencing the dignity of each person
- Caring for the needs of the less fortunate
- Empowering Christians to realise their call
- Providing a spiritual Oasis
- Honouring an understanding among all faiths
- Nurturing our gifts and sharing them

The Pope's 10 Tips for a Happier Life

1. **"Live and let live."** Everyone should be guided by this principle, he said, which has a similar expression in Rome with the saying, "Move forward and let others do the same."
2. **"Be giving of yourself to others."** People need to be open and generous toward others, he said, because "if you withdraw into yourself, you run the risk of becoming egocentric. And stagnant water becomes putrid."
3. **"Proceed calmly" in life.** The pope, who used to teach high school literature, used an image from an Argentine novel by Ricardo Güiraldes, in which the protagonist — gaucho Don Segundo Sombra — looks back on how he lived his life.
4. **A healthy sense of leisure.** The Pope said "consumerism has brought us anxiety", and told parents to set aside time to play with their children and turn off the TV when they sit down to eat.
5. **Sundays should be holidays.** Workers should have Sundays off because "Sunday is for family," he said.
6. **Find innovative ways to create dignified jobs for young people.** "We need to be creative with young people. If they have no opportunities they will get into drugs" and be more vulnerable to suicide, he said.
7. **Respect and take care of nature.** Environmental degradation "is one of the biggest challenges we have," he said. "I think a question that we're not asking ourselves is: 'Isn't humanity committing suicide with this indiscriminate and tyrannical use of nature?'"
8. **Stop being negative.** "Needing to talk badly about others indicates low self-esteem. That means, 'I feel so low that instead of picking myself up I have to cut others down,'" the Pope said. "Letting go of negative things quickly is healthy."
9. **Don't proselytise; respect others' beliefs.** "We can inspire others through witness so that one grows together in communicating. But the worst thing of all is religious proselytism, which paralyzes: 'I am talking with you in order to persuade you,' No. Each person dialogues, starting with his and her own identity. The church grows by attraction, not proselytising," the Pope said.
10. **Work for peace.** "We are living in a time of many wars," he said, and "the call for peace must be shouted. Peace sometimes gives the impression of being quiet, but it is never quiet, peace is always proactive" and dynamic.

Mass Times & Intentions

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, THE HOLY SOULS ARE REMEMBERED AT ALL OUR MASSES.

Saturday 15th November (First Mass of Sunday)

18.00 People of the Parish

Sunday 16th – 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08.30 Timothy Dineen (Anniv)

10.00 Paul Cleland (Anniv)

11.30 Kevin McGuire RIP

Monday 17th – Feria, Thirty-Third Week of Year 2

09.30 Noel Jayasingam RIP

18.00 Mass for Deceased Catenians

Tuesday 18th – Feria

09.30 Donal Ryan (Sick)

Wednesday 19th – Feria

19.00 Intention of Donor

Thursday 20th – Feria

09.30 Ryan, Crick & Moore Families RIP

Friday 21st – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09.30 People of the Parish, Friends & Relatives (In Thanksgiving – Mary Else)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 17.15-17.45

Please keep the sick in your prayers. A list of sick parishioners is displayed on the notice board at the back of the Church.

Pray Also For, Timothy Dineen, Paul Cleland, Peter Sen, Wanda Owczarczak, John Sinn, Patrick Kiernan and Patricia Mangan whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Advent Penitential Service at St. John Fisher On Monday, 15th December at 7.30pm.

Diocesan Youth Service We welcome members of the Diocesan Youth Service this weekend to talk about our provision for young people. If you are aged 21-30 years and would like to know more please contact Johnpromise on promisemagnus@yahoo.com.

Altar Servers There will be a meeting for **All** Servers on Thursday, 20th November at 5.30pm. This meeting will take place in the church and will last for about an hour. If you cannot make this meeting you need to inform Kay or it will be taken that you no longer wish to continue as a server. Would servers also please sign the list in the servers sacristy, failure to do this will indicate that you no longer wish to serve.

A Pooch at the Presbytery The wild rumours sweeping the parish are absolutely true. Fr Shaun is getting a dog! Dylan, the Basset Hound, will arrive in December and, in the meantime, Fr Shaun has to "puppy proof" the house. Would any parishioners have any old baby gates that they can lend Fr Shaun? He needs to borrow about three gates altogether for about a year. Watch this space.....

Parish 100 Club As you can see the major structural work to the church has now been completed and we hope that you like it. Over the next seven years, we will need to pay the diocese back the loan that it has given to our parish to make this work possible. One fund raising initiative is for parishioners to join the Parish 100 Club. We would ask parishioners to buy a monthly ticket which costs £5; if 100 people join and pay £5 a month, the amount raised each month is £500... and £250 is given away in prizes as follows: £100 £75 £50 £25. This leaves £250 which goes to the parish. If 200 people join, the prizes go up to £200, £150, £100 and £50. So the more people that join, the greater the

monthly prize money will be. It would be fantastic if we could have a parish 200 club so we could raise £6000 a year which would be enormously helpful. **A Registration form is available from the porch or our website.** Thank you for your support.

Annual Parish Meeting On Monday, 24th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

CAFOD Christmas Cards & Fairtrade Food On sale in the porch after all masses this weekend.

Bethany Group Next meeting on Thursday, 20th November at 7.30pm.

Celebrate Advent with Friends for Friends Help us decorate the 1:1 Club Christmas Tree, hear the Christmas story, sing your favourite carols on Sunday, 7th December at 2-5pm in the Parish Hall. The afternoon will close with light refreshments. Just send us a quick email to info@friendsforfriends.org.uk.

St John Fisher Social Club Quiz Night To be held on Saturday, 13th December @ 8pm in the parish hall. Entrance is £3 per person. During the evening teas & coffees will be available & if you're feeling a bit peckish we will also have freshly made ploughman's 'suppers' for sale. Do come along and support us, we'd love to be able to repeat the success of our last one. All proceeds to parish funds. For further information or to book a team, please email durcanjohn@aol.com.

Cantemus Directed by Jean Coward, will sing Christmas Music, including some carols for audience, on Saturday, 13th December at 3pm at St. John Fisher Church. Admission free.

Blessing of the Graves Mass will be celebrated in the Cemetery Chapel at 11am at Pinner New Cemetery on Monday, 17th November. This will be followed by the blessing of the graves.

Action by Christians Against Torture (acat) Annual Service The Harrow group of acat(uk) are holding their annual ecumenical service on Sunday, 23rd November at 3pm at Christ Church, Roxeth Hill. All are invited to join in this time of prayer, music, readings and reflection.

St Joan of Arc Catholic High School 'Narnia' themed Winter Ball On Friday, 28th November at Fairway Inn Golf Club, Rickmansworth in order to raise much needed funds for the school. Tickets cost £35 per person for a 3 course dinner, welcome glass of fizz and music to dance the night away. All welcome. For more info please see poster on noticeboard.

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund You can still return your envelopes. Thank you for your support. If you are a taxpayer, please remember to fill in your Gift Aid details.

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party Saturday, 6th December 2014 at 7pm for 7.30pm. All replies to be returned by **Sunday, 30th November 2014.**

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