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GOOD NEWS

- **ADVENT**
 - Sunday was the first Sunday of this time of waiting in Hope for the coming of our Lord and Saviour into our world anew at Christmas time and at the end of time. We thank God for the gift of Faith and rejoice in Hope as we pray for our troubled world today and share our joy and hope with others.
- **CHECKOUTS**
 - I have been noticing and appreciating the cheerfulness and helpfulness of those at the checkouts in our shops and supermarkets.
 - One of the staff at Tesco's was telling me of the verbal abuse that often comes their way. The staff go out of their way to smile be helpful and have a cheery word with their customers, who for some may be the only person they speak to that day.
 - When I thanked the Tesco lady for their staff's good humour she was surprised and pleased to receive positive feedback and recognition of their work.
- **REPAIR JOBS**
 - In Bristol an environmental charity has an old milk float goes round collecting unwanted goods and electrical appliances which are then repaired and donated to those in need.
- **SIBERIAN TIGERS**
 - Were half a century ago an endangered species, reduced to an estimated 40, now there are 600.
 - In one region of Russia where they had not been seen for centuries, a tiger footprint has been found. This shows that even at the 11th hour with the efforts of conservation, ecological damage can be reversed.

FOR REFLECTION AND PRAYER

- **REFUGEES**
 - The deaths of 23 migrants in the channel has shocked us all.
 - They were not faceless migrants and refugees, but people with their own loved ones and hopes for a future of a better life.
 - The Nationality and Borders Bill going through Parliament at present will further entrench hostility towards those that seek sanctuary with us.
 - We need solidarity in campaigning for a system is rooted in and recognises the human dignity of every person. Our system reflects who we are!
- **WINDRUSH VICTIMS**
 - A call has been made of for the Windrush Compensation Scheme to be taken from the Home Office and run independently of government. Hundreds of British citizens who came to the UK as part of the post war Windrush generation were denied legal rights and wrongly deported. Only a small number of victims of the scandal have received payments and typically have to hand lawyers 30% of what they do get because the claims system is so complicated that they need legal advice. *[pto]*

- **HOMELESSNESS**

- Covid has pushed thousands of people to the brink.
- The typical cost of renting in the private sector stands at more than £800 a month.
- Rents now amount to 37% of a single tenant's monthly income.
- The Big Issue's Campaign to Stop Mass Homelessness is calling on the government to intervene and protect renters from falling into Homelessness.

ACTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- **HOMELESSNESS**

- Sign the petition at bigissue.com/stop-mass-homelessness
- Write to your MP and local councillor and ask them to support the Big Issue's Campaign.

- **REFUGEES**

- Pray for the current negotiations between the EU, France and UK for a solution to the current refuge cross channel crisis and dangers.
 - and for the current bill going through Parliament, the Nationality and Borders Bill, which many NGOs are opposing.
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