

GOOD MORNING Thank you Fr Jim for supporting our parishes Family Fast Harvest Appeal. I am here again to ask for your help.

There is no doubt, that the global coronavirus pandemic, is the biggest emergency that CAFOD have ever had to face. The sheer numbers of people in need of urgent help, across every continent & country CAFOD works in, has been astonishing but your donations, have funded local health workers, faith leaders + community carers to reach out & help millions of people.

The solar powered water pumps our parish provided at Lent, have made a profound difference, providing a steady supply of clean, fresh water that is safe to drink, wash & farm with – a quote from one of the families who received this gift is “Just opening the pump on that day, everything we then did centred on happiness – we felt so happy” CAFOD have now installed water pumps in Ethiopia, Sudan, West Africa & Latin America. *Together we have made a difference*

CAFOD is currently responding to multiple emergencies, across our world – in Haiti we are delivering emergency aid, to families affected by their catastrophic earthquake & tropical storm disaster. The tragic Afghanistan crisis, that as Christians we cannot ignore – encourages us to support CAFOD projects to ensure the safety of their Afghanistan partners & communities.

CAFOD is also supporting local aid workers, to deliver urgent food & water supplies, to hundreds of thousands of people, facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, in South Sudan & in Nigeria.

You might ask why African countries are not looking after their own people – it is because their debt repayments are 10 Billion dollars in 2020 + 2021 leaving less money, to spend on tackling their covid crisis + for childrens education & health care. The Pandemic will put 150 million people into extreme poverty + an additional 130 million people, will be left hungry – this is why CAFOD ask you to GIVE PRAY & ACT – CAFOD campaign for justice with “Drop the Debt” & aim to protect God’s Creation + CAFOD’s aid projects help the poorest & most vulnerable families, whom we may never meet but share our same earth.

Please let us put our Faith in Action again this Harvest, by taking a fast day envelope from church today & kindly return it next weekend with your donation. You can also Text CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10 OR Chose any amount between £1 - £20 by texting CAFOD & the £ amount (CAFOD15).

If you prefer, you can donate Via our CAFOD website & please remember to gift aid if you can, which provides an extra 25p per £1 as *every penny counts*

Your compassion, generosity & prayers have helped us to stand together + enabled CAFOD to support communities in these difficult times – Thank You