



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PARISH GAZETTE

The Archdiocese of Cardiff: Charitable Incorporated Organisation No.1177272

2nd Sunday of Lent (C)

13th March 2022.

1st Reading Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

God offers the promise of a future full of hope to Abram, who shows himself to be a person of faith.
The Lord is my light and my help.

Ps 26:1,7-9,13-14, R/v.1

2nd Reading Philippians 3:17- 4:1

We are called to remain faithful in our following of Christ.

Acclamation: Mt 17:5.

*Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:
This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!*

Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36

On the mountain, Jesus is revealed to his disciples in his glory.

You can view the full readings online at http://www.stjosephsandstmarys.com/mass_readings.html

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY COLL'N TODAY.

This Family Fast Day, we remember that there are many people who need our love and support all around the world. Children experiencing malnutrition, as we see now in the Ukraine, and families affected by other conflicts. Your small act of love can make big things happen. DONATIONS to CAFOD this Lent will reach families around the world, enabling local experts to provide support to families in times of need or conflict.

Parishioners can support **CAFOD FAST DAY** by donating online at cafod.org.uk or through the parish **second collection** which will be taken this weekend. You can also give via the parish **JustGiving Cafod** page on the website.

DISASTERS EMERGENCY APPEAL (DEC)

We are going ahead with the Lenten Fast Day Appeal, even though the crisis in the Ukraine is uppermost in peoples' minds at the moment. The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) has already launched an emergency Appeal for the Ukraine crisis which has raised millions of pounds already. If parishioners wish to give to the Ukraine cause, they can do so through the DEC Appeal, as directed by the publicity in the media.

CAFOD'S OWN UKRAINE APPEAL.

You can donate online to CAFOD's Ukraine appeal at any time by visiting: cafod.org.uk/UkraineCrisis. However, the parish will be making a separate appeal for the Ukraine in three week's time. Read on.

UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS APPEAL.

It has been a tradition here in St. Joseph's and St. Mary's that there is a collection taken up on the **5th Sunday of Lent** annually for "Lenten Alms" which is then sent on to the diocese. The Lenten Alms collected throughout the Archdiocese of Cardiff will this year be allocated to the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal.

CAFOD's Emergency Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal will be taken on the weekend of **April 2nd / 3rd** which is 5th Sunday of Lent. **See Poster.**

EXTRA MESSAGE FROM CAFOD

We have all been shocked by the rapid escalation of violence in Ukraine. CAFOD is part of one of the largest aid networks in the world. – CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS. Our local Ukrainian aid workers and volunteers are on the ground and already responding. They are part of the communities they work with and understand people's immediate needs. As one Caritas we stand united with them.

Sadly war and suffering are all too often a reality for many of the communities with whom we work. Sierra Leone, for example, the focus of our Fast Day Appeal this year, is a country that is all too familiar with conflict and the legacy it leaves behind.

The general funds raised at Fast Days have already allowed us swiftly to support our Church partners in the Ukraine (£100,000) at the start of the crisis.

CAFOD can quickly transfer donations to our partners who can then focus on delivering the much-needed assistance.