



ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MARY'S



PARISH GAZETTE

The Archdiocese of Cardiff: Charitable Incorporated Organisation No.1177272

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

26th September 2021.

1st Reading Numbers: 11: 25-29

If only we all were prophets of the Lord.

Ps 18:8.10.12-14 R/ v.9

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

2nd Reading: James 5:1-6

Our wealth can hinder us from caring for those in need.

Acclamation: Jn. 17:17

*Alleluia alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!*

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47- 48

Anyone who is not against us is for us.

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

SEASON OF CREATION AND THE AMAZON.

In 2019 we saw terrible pictures of fires in the Amazon. Instinctively we knew that this was important for the whole world. The Amazon rainforest is vital in stabilising the global climate as an absorber of carbon dioxide and an emitter of oxygen. It is under threat from illegal logging, mining and agriculture. It is also home of many indigenous people. Invalide, at the centre of CAFOD harvest fast day this year, is a grandmother. For the last 19 years she has been on the frontline of the struggle to protect our common home. She lives in a small patch of rainforest in one of the most deforested regions of the Brazilian Amazon. Pope Francis has said that the health of our planet depends on the health of the rainforest, yet every year thousands of acres are burned so that land can be cleared for cattle ranching. Invalide's home has been burned and her trees and crops destroyed by such fires. She has replanted and human rights lawyers are fighting in the courts the right for Invalide and her community to stay and protect the fragile piece of the Amazon they call home.
O Creator God, protect all those striving to protect the earth. Strengthen them in their work and inspire us all to be guardians of your precious gift of creation. Amen.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY FRIDAY 1ST OCT.

Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. By donating to CAFOD this family fast day, you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis.

HOW YOU CAN HELP.

Donate online through the CAFOD website or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can also easily give via text. Text CAFOD10 to 70580 top donate £10*. Or choose to give any amount between £1 and £20 by texting CAFOD, followed by the amount you would like to donate, to 70580.

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CAFOD ENVELOPES

Members of the Justice & Peace Group will hand out the CAFOD envelopes as you leave the church. Please bring them back next weekend with your donation inside (gift aided if you deem it appropriate) representing your Harvest Day Fast. There will be an extra receptacle at the back of church.

PRAY A ROSARY FOR CREATION. THIS WEEK.

On Friday 1st October, to coincide with the CAFOD Fast Day, which will be a "Climate Crisis Appeal", there will be a "Rosary for Creation" in St. Joseph's at 6pm when Mgr Joe and a member of the Justice & Peace Group will lead the recitation of the 5 Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, with prayers and reflections, before the Friday evening Mass at 7pm. You can join us for that either in the church physically or online - on stream.