

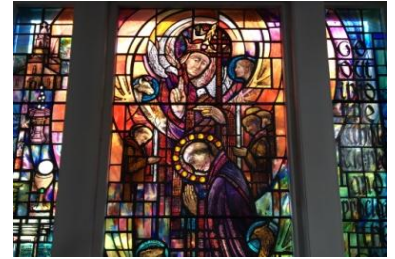
St. Gregory's Newsletter

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CRISIS IN EAST AFRICA

Over 16 million people across South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya are in urgent need of food, following months of drought.

In South Sudan alone, 4.9 million people - more than 40 per cent of the country's population - urgently need food, and nutrition assistance. In many places, such as South Sudan, the crisis has been exacerbated by conflict and economic collapse.

CAFOD are already working with their local Church partners on the ground, who are providing vital aid to communities affected by hunger and drought and there has been an inspiring response from the Catholic Community.

What is happening in these countries and how is CAFOD responding to the crisis?

Who are CAFOD's partners in the East Africa Crisis appeal?

How much has the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) raised so far?

Why are there droughts in East Africa so often?

What can I do to help the hunger in East Africa?

Find out at cafod.org.uk/eastafrica

Please help, and be as generous as you can - your donation will get food, clean water and healthcare to people in desperate need.



Mother's Day

Notes and Quotes

"Mother is a verb. It's something you do. Not just who you are." —Dorothy Canfield Fisher

"There's no way to be a perfect mother and a million ways to be a good one." —Jill Churchill

"A mother understands what a child does not say" – Jewish Proverb

"A mother holds her children's hands for a little while, but their hearts for ever" – Unknown

"A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie." – Tenneya Jordan (www.countryliving.com)

"My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it." (Luke 8:21)

A Prayer

'Go forth in peace,
For you have followed the good road.
Go forth without fear,
for He who created you
has made you holy,
has always protected you,
and loves you as a mother.
Blessed be You, my God,
for having created me.'

Saint Clare of Assisi (1194 - 1253)

Children's Corner

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4th Sunday of Lent - 26th March 2017

Sunday 26th March

9:30am The Parish
11:00am Peter Evans
6:30pm Thanksgiving to our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday 2nd April

9:30am John Lilley
11:00am Teresa Thompson
6:30pm

3:00pm – 4:00pm Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:30am McMurry Family
Tuesday 8:30am George Walker
Wednesday 8:30am Hardman Family
7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Thursday 8:30am Cecilia Henry (A)
Friday 8:30am Peter Higgins
Saturday 10:00am James Critchley (B)

Weekly Confession Saturday after morning Mass **Rosary** 20 minutes before weekday Mass

Please Pray For Our Sick Brothers And Sisters

Kitty Ellison, Jayne Hodge, Kathleen Reynolds, Brigid Cain, Mary Patten, Agnes Martindale, Robert Stretton, Mildred Bridge, Margaret Wood, Harold Sutton, Margaret Bower, Thomas Moss, Gerard Baker, Hugh Daly, Margaret Dearden, Maureen Jackson, Maureen McIver, Bill Burns, Lois Chiasson, Gerard McGuigan, Moya Jones, Teresa Kershaw, Teresa Critchley, Canon Richard Firth

Baptism today

Today we welcome two children in Baptism: Thomas Leo Andrew Porter and Kecey-Lei Haddon. We pray for them and their families as they start out on their new faith journey.

Collection

Thank you very much for last week's collection of £941.

Sudan Crisis Appeal - CAFOD

The UN is warning that the world faces the largest humanitarian crisis in more than 70 years... please see over. All money left in the CAFOD box today will go to the appeal.

Helping Young Catholics to help Others

The Catenians have put up a new poster advertising they wish to give funds to “**help young Catholics to help others**” in any part of the world. If you are such a person, between the ages of 15 and 25, or a parent or grandparent, or you know such a Catholic person, who is planning such a worthwhile project, help is at hand. Get them to contact the Catenians or get them to call into Church, see the poster and click on the QR code (they will know what you mean and they may be impressed that you do as well!) It's all online and it could not be easier for them.

Right to Life Petition

Please support the “Life and SPUC Joint Petition” on the notice board, to stop dangerous illegal practices at Marie Stopes abortion clinics.

THE GREAT LENT

Lent Devotions

Only a couple of weeks of Lent left - still time to renew our charitable commitments, fasting, almsgiving, repentance ... and perhaps come to an extra mass and the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evening and Holy Hour on Sunday afternoon.

Lenten Alms

The money in the Lenten Alms Box at the back of church will be donated to the Nugent Care Society.

CAFOD Fast Day

The CAFOD Family Fast Day collection closes today, thank you very much for your contributions.

Chrism Mass

The Altar Servers will go in the Holy Cross minibus to celebrate this beautiful Cathedral event with the Archbishop and priests of the Archdiocese. If you want to go on the coach, please hand in your name and £10 by Monday, 3rd April. Picking up at St. Mary's, West Street car park @ 5.15pm (Adlington 5pm, Coppull Police Station 5.50pm). Returns approx 10.45pm.

Lenten Evening of Recollection for Men

A “mini-retreat” for men which has become very popular, Tuesday ,4th April, 7pm at St. Joseph's, Anderton. No charge, see poster.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters 27th March, David Chadwick and Pauline Turner

Rotas 2nd April, 5th Sunday in Lent

S.A.S. Janet and Pauline Critchley

Dial a Ride Taxi

Readers Michael Hall

Euch. Ministers Linda Walmsley

Edward Brierley

David Chadwick

Daryl Hobin

Helen Mather

Sharon Hobin

Clare Meredith

Alex Duxbury

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