

CAFOD in Northampton E-Bulletin



Parishes build community and support CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Welcome to our November 2017 eBulletin

Dear Supporter,

Thank you for supporting the Harvest Fast day appeal. Some parishes not only held the Fast Day collection but held extra fundraising events like the [soup lunch at Joseph - Gerrards Cross](#), and the [parish super at St Alban - Winslow](#). We are so grateful for your effort and for the generosity of all who have donated and given their time and skills to promote Harvest Fast Day. So much good will be made possible with this money and with all your prayers. Thank you so much.

This month we have our mass of remembrance at St Francis of Assisi, Shefford at 9am followed by refreshments. All welcome! If you can't attend please keep our dearly departed in your prayer.

Please make a note in your diaries dates for our next Supporters' days : 27 January - Beaconsfield and 3 February - Woburn Sands (TBC). See details below.

Thank you all so much for all you do to stand in solidarity alongside our sisters and brothers in need!

With every blessing

Debbie

Deborah Purfield
Community Participation Coordinator – Northampton

Do you want to have a deeper understanding of CAFOD's work? You can [choose from a variety of talks about our work here](#), such as Stories of life and hope from Sierra Leone, Risk reduction in Niger, DRC elections or using renewable energy to tackle poverty.

World Gifts booklets arriving in parishes soon

Please could you hand them out after Mass?



Booklets showing our alternative gifts for Christmas are going out to parishes between 6-10 November. It would be wonderful if you could arrange to hand out the catalogues after Mass one weekend. You can [read suggestions of how to do this here](#). On average, for every box of catalogues given out, £200 worth of gifts will be bought! Thank you if you are able to help – it is hugely appreciated.

Last year, our most popular gift was *The goat that gives*. CAFOD supporters bought 4,990 of them, raising £139,720!

You can [listen to a talk for volunteers about our World Gifts](#), and [see the range of gifts here](#).

Masses of Remembrance



November is a time where the Church honours and prays for all those who have died, providing the opportunity to come together to remember those we have loved and lost.

CAFOD volunteers are organising Memorial Masses across England and Wales to pay tribute to our friends who are no longer with us.

In our diocese of Northampton our volunteer and supporters from St Francis of Assisi will be organising the mass which you are invited to :

Date : Sunday 26 November

Mass Time : 9am followed by refreshments

Parish : St Francis of Assisi, 25 High Street, Shefford, SG17 5DD

If you have any questions or would like to include a name in our Books of Remembrance please get in touch.

Power to be – please help us keep up the pressure

25,000 actions already taken

Thank you to everyone who has already signed *Power to be* cards to the World Bank in support of renewable energy that tackles poverty.

Over 25,000 people from all dioceses have added their names to the campaign so far, and the World Bank is starting to respond. Please help us keep up the pressure, on behalf of the one in six people worldwide who don't have the energy they need to power their homes, schools, clinics and businesses.

There's still time to organise a card signing or to send completed cards to CAFOD, and if you'd like some tips, here are [five easy ways to get your parish involved in Power to be](#).



Dates for your diary

Everyone most welcome.

➤ Memorial Mass - 26 November 2017

Mass Time : 9am followed by refreshments

Parish : St Francis of Assisi, 25 High Street, Shefford, SG17 5DD

Please let us know if you would like anyone's name included in the book of remembrance.

➤ Supporters' day 2018

Sat 27 January - St Teresa parish, 40 Warwick Road, **BEACONSFIELD** HP9 2PL. 10am for 10:30am – 1:30pm

Sat 3 February - St Mary's parish, Aspley Hill, **Woburn Sands** MK17 8NN. 10am for 10:30am – 1:30pm

Wed 7 February - Our Lady Help of Christians, Cowley, **OXFORD** OX4 2ND 10am for 10:15 – 1:15pm

Loving Father there are many desperate needs of people in our world today. We pray for all people who are suffering but especially at this time the refugee Rohingya people of Myanmar and their hosts in Bangladesh who are struggling to meet their needs; we pray for our partners Caritas Bangladesh and all those who are experiencing the desperate conditions; we pray for a generous response from people of goodwill and for an end to the suffering. Amen.

Prayer written by Trevor Stockton, CAFOD volunteer

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