



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong
Diocese of Plymouth

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Dear Parents and Carers

CAFOD - HARVEST FAST DAY APPEAL



On **Friday 5th October 2018**, we will be celebrating our Harvest Mass at St Mary's Catholic Church at 9am – you are most welcome to join us.

Sadly, due to poverty and injustice, this harvest will not be bright for millions of children and young people around the world who will miss out on food, clean water and even on going to school. But your support is helping to change this! Last year, schools around England and Wales joined CAFOD to **Brighten Up** and help make the world a brighter place for communities living in extreme poverty.

The good news is that the number of hungry people in our world is falling. But, with 793 million of our sisters and brothers still undernourished, we cannot give up. We can all be part of helping to eradicate global poverty and building a brighter world.

That's why CAFOD are asking us to **Brighten Up this Harvest** – to help build a brighter world and to put into action the corporal work of mercy: feed the hungry. Our fundraising can enable CAFOD partners to work alongside the poorest communities as they find ways to overcome their many challenges.

As our Harvest Mass this year coincides with CAFOD Harvest Fast Day, I am asking for your generous donations of **food for Poole Food Bank** and if you are able a **monetary donation for CAFOD**.

Please join together with us and **Brighten Up this Harvest**. Whatever you are able to donate, it will make a difference to the poorest communities around the world, helping them to feed their families and make a living.

*Loving God,
We think of our neighbours,
near and far, who live in poverty.
We pray we may share generously all you have given us.
Help us to work together to build a brighter world,
where each of us can become the best person we can be.
Amen*

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

God Bless.

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