



HARVEST



Word of the Week

Luke 16:19 - 31

"There was once a rich man who dressed in the most expensive clothes and lived in great luxury every day. There was also a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who used to be brought to the rich man's door, hoping to eat the bits of food that fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the feast in heaven. The rich man died and was buried, and in Hades, where he was in great pain, he looked up and saw Abraham, far away, with Lazarus at his side. So he called out, 'Father Abraham! Take pity on me, and send Lazarus to dip his finger in some water and cool off my tongue, because I am in great pain in this fire!' But Abraham said, 'Remember, my son, that in your lifetime you were given all the good things, while Lazarus got all the bad things. But now he is enjoying himself here, while you are in pain. Besides all that, there is a deep pit lying between us, so that those who want to cross over from here to you cannot do so, nor can anyone cross over to us from where you are.' The rich man said, 'Then I beg you, father Abraham, send Lazarus to my father's house, where I have five brothers. Let him go and warn them so that they, at least, will not come to this place of pain.' Abraham said, 'Your brothers have Moses and the prophets to warn them; your brothers should listen to what they say.' The rich man answered, 'That is not enough, father Abraham! But if someone were to rise from death and go to them, then they would turn from their sins.' But Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone were to rise from death.'"

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

In our Word of the Week this week, we see how ignoring the needs of those around us can cause us to become separated from God. This Harvest season, we have an opportunity to thank God for all we have received and to share those blessings with others. As one global family, we are called to put our faith into action by supporting our neighbours who don't have enough food or safe water.

This Friday is Harvest Fast Day, CAFOD encourages us to live simply by having basic meals and donating what might have been used for a sweet treat or chippy tea to Charity. On Friday, both dining rooms will be serving a simpler menu as we participate in Fast Day as a school community.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
Friday 2nd October 2026



Prayer for the Week

Generous God,
we praise and thank you
for the gifts that you have given us:
the fruits of the harvest
and the joy of your love.

Free us from the fear that leads us
to store up more than we need.

Fill our hearts with gratitude
which moves us to share what we
have.

Show us how to plant seeds of
hope
and together reap a better world,
where each and every person
can share in the fullness of your
love.
Amen.

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*To hope and act
with creation,
then, means above
all to join forces
and to walk
together with all
men and women
of good will.*

POPE FRANCIS



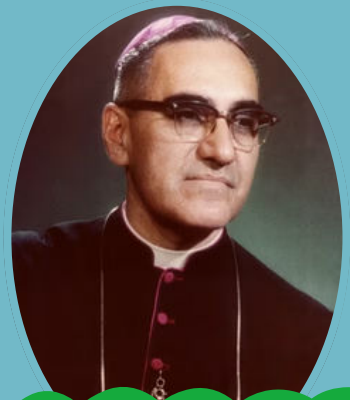
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Saint of the Week: St Oscar Romero

Saint Oscar Romero has inspired CAFOD's work for over 40 years. Born in El Salvador, Oscar Romero was known for defending the poor and denouncing the conflict of the El Salvadorian Civil War. He became the archbishop of San Salvador in 1977 and would broadcast his Sunday sermons on the archdiocesan radio. Due to heavy press censorship, his radio broadcasts were often the only way people could find out the truth about the atrocities that were happening in their country. In 1980, Oscar Romero was assassinated whilst saying mass in San Salvador. He was named a martyr by Pope Francis in 2013 and was canonised a saint in 2018.



*“Aspire not to have
more but to be more”*

