



**Listening to the
Cries of the Earth
and the Poor**

UK Leadership on Climate Change?

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The UK has a particular responsibility to show leadership on climate change, given the significance of our contribution to it, which originated with the Industrial Revolution. Yet it is not doing this.

For example, the environmental not-for-profit organisation Friends of the Earth successfully challenged the Government's climate-wrecking decision to expand Heathrow Airport in the Court of Appeal in February 2020. The Court ruled that the decision was unlawful on climate grounds, including failure to consider the Paris Climate Agreement. The organisation has gone on to defend this victory for environmental justice against a commercial developer in the Supreme Court this month.

In addition, CAFOD has repeatedly highlighted the grave contradiction in our Government's approach to the climate emergency, in claiming, on the one hand, to be a global leader on climate change and environmental protection, whilst on the other, continuing to fund fossil fuel projects in developing countries using aid money.

Disappointingly, our Government has recently decided to fund a multibillion-dollar gas project in Mozambique, the 7th poorest country in the world, off the beautiful, pristine coast of the Cabo Delgado region. Decisions like this by Western Governments amount to an outsourcing of their dirty fossil fuel developments to poor countries, and are in my view, morally bankrupt. Coastal communities in the Cabo Delgado region rely on fishing for income and food. Yet another recent gas project in this area has resulted in the "removal" of hundreds of families to villages far from their

farming lands and fishing grounds and homes. Friends of the Earth believes that the Government's recent decision is unlawful, and has launched legal proceedings to challenge it in the High Court on the basis of failure to consider the project's environmental impacts.

As Christians, I believe our faith compels us very clearly to fight for and work with the vulnerable and marginalised. This includes the poor, and it also includes the natural world, upon which all life depends, including our species.

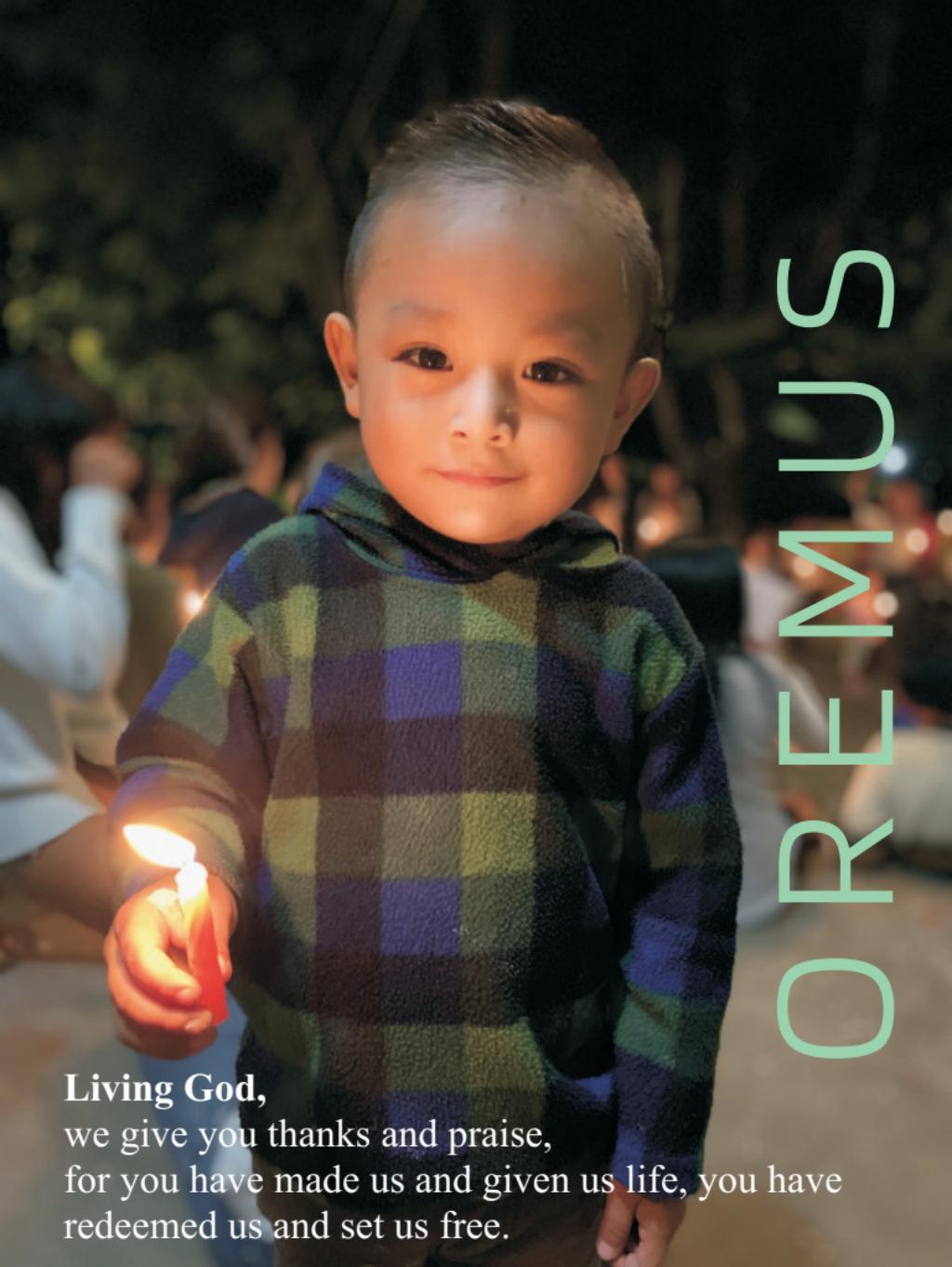
Our faith also challenges us to take hope and inspiration, that God can guide us along the right path, if only we will listen and open up our hearts. God can give us the strength to succeed so that we will, in line with the prophetic words of the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr when he addressed the American nation, "rise up and live out the true meaning of its [our] creed".

The challenge ahead of us is a great one, but we can feel inspired, not despondent or overwhelmed. Pope Francis's *Laudato Si* calls on us all, to take courage in this struggle for our world:

"Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope" because ultimately, "At the end, we will find ourselves face to face with the infinite beauty of God (cf. 1Cor 13:12)."

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OREMUS

Living God,
we give you thanks and praise,
for you have made us and given us life, you have
redeemed us and set us free.

Loving God,
we give you thanks and praise,
for you have found us and made us your own,
named us and called us 'Beloved.'

Accompanying God,
we give you thanks and praise,
for you have promised to be with us always and
nothing can separate us from your love.
God, our great God,
we love you and adore you.



Diary dates for Confirmation Group

Monday, October, 26 10am -12pm
Fetch books from Monastery reception

Sunday, November 22 11.15am–11.45 am
Candidate, Plus 1 Parent
- Meet Bishop Nicholas Hudson
at St Joseph's for a special blessing

November 28, 10 am - 3pm
Candidates Confirmation training session,
parent(s) 2-3 pm for Mass.

Confirmation dates
Jan 23 1130am: Group1;
Candidate plus 5 guests.
Jan 30 1130am Group2;
Candidate plus 5 guests.
(Groups to be decided.)



2020 First Holy Communion

SATURDAY, 14 NOVEMBER
Group A Mass: at 11:00am
Group B Mass: at 12:30pm

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding
as we accommodate our First Holy Communicants and
their families to ensure proper social distancing.

Christmas Masses

We are now preparing for our Christmas Masses. To enable maximum attendance in compliance with applicable COVID-19 guidelines, the Parish will offer additional Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Bookings for these Masses are now open on the Parish's Diocesan website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/highgate/events/>. Attendance at all Masses remains capped at 90 persons, so please pre-book now for Christmas!

Weekend Masses

Please pre-book your attendance at Mass online! This is quick and easy to do at the Parish's Diocesan website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/highgate/events/>. Doing so each week will eliminate the need to sign-in on paper, reduce the queue at the doors, and enable our stewards to admit everyone quickly. Attendance at all Masses remains capped at 90 persons, so please pre-book and arrive early!

**BOOKING
YOUR PLACE AT
MASS**

**[https://parish.rcdow.org.uk
/highgate/events/](https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/highgate/events/)**

A link is also available via the parish website.



Lately Dead

+**Jackie Taylor**
+**Anthony Nolan**
+**Sr. Teresa Ryan**
+**Thomas Goldrick**
+**Michael Carragher**
+**Hugh Gillen**
+**Phyllis Joan Gardiner**

Anniversary

Ralph Crisp
Dorothy Ambler
Hannah Ahern
Nora McGarry

Thank You

We can't exist without the generosity of the people that call Holy Joes home. When you give generously, we share in the true nature of God's abundant love. Last week's collection amounted to £1101. Thank you very much.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



We'll be thinking about

How many commandments
are there?

Why do we have commandments?

How can I follow these two
commandments?



We'll be talking about...

What is a commandment?

What are the 10 commandments?

When Jesus talks about love your
neighbour, who does he mean?



We'll be praying for...

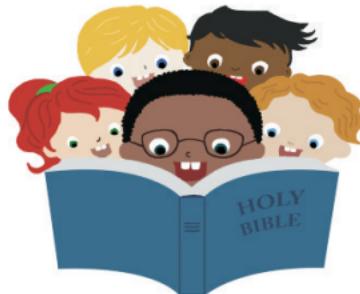
That we can follow the
commandments and live
good lives

That we can love God
and our neighbour



Our Gospel is about...

In the gospel this week Jesus
is questioned again by the
Pharisees. This time they ask
him, "Which is the greatest
commandment in the law?"
Jesus replies, "You shall love
the Lord, your God. This is the
greatest and the first
commandment.
The second is like it:
You shall love your
neighbour as yourself."



LET'S HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS

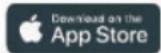


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