

Second Collections

When lockdown happened, the Bishops suspended all ‘second collections’ – the collections for charities which take place periodically in addition to the normal Sunday collection for parish funds. It is now possible to reintroduce these and so it may be timely to explain Fr. Francis’ policy on second collections. Very many requests are received to hold second collections. So that parishioners are not inundated with calls on their generosity, only those collections which are mandated by the Diocese or the Bishops’ Conference, together with CAFOD Lent and Harvest Fast Days, the Annual Mission Appeal, and two charities of particular relevance to this parish, namely “Let the Children Live” and “PACT”, will take place. Other requests are mentioned in the newsletter so that any who wish to contribute can do so through the charity’s website, or go on to the Charities page of this website for more information.

The “second collections” which will take place during the rest of this year are:

22nd May: PACT

29th May: World Communications Sunday

19th June: Day for Life

26th June: Peter’s Pence

10th July: Apostleship of the Sea

28th August: Plymouth Catholic Children’s Society

18th September: Home Mission Sunday

9th October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

23rd October: World Mission Sunday

PACT is the Prisoners’ Advice and Care Trust, so it seems right for our parish, which through Deacon Mike and others, cares for the pastoral needs of prisoners in HMP Guys Marsh, to give financial support to PACT’s provision of life changing services at every stage of the criminal justice process: in court, in prison, on release, and in the community. For more information about their work, see <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/>