

"STAND UP. I APPOINT YOU AS WITNESSES OF WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN"



# YOUTH SUNDAY 2021

YOUNG PERSONS' CAFOD PLEDGE

"A POST-COP26 PLEDGE THAT WE INVITE  
YOUNG PEOPLE TO READ AT MASS"

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