

## Ash Wednesday

The Chaplaincy Team prepared a liturgy based on the theme of 'Little Fish turn into Big Fish' for Ash Wednesday. We were given four facts about poverty:

- Fact 1. Poverty means not having the basic things in life, like food, shelter, clean water as well as the opportunity to go to school.
- Fact 2. In Zambia two out of three people live below the poverty line – (they don't have enough money to meet basic needs such as food, housing and clothing).
- Fact 3. In rural areas of Zambia more than 6 million people live in extreme poverty.
- Fact 4. Poverty stops people achieving their potential. Without enough food to eat, it is difficult to learn well or work.

The team showed us how all our little actions could make a really big difference to people living in poverty. They introduce us to Florence, who with training and support from CAFOD, has created a thriving business selling fish. She can now buy the things her family needs and send her children to school. Not only that, she has also taught others in her community how to do the same. During Lent, we're invited to think about our neighbours all around the world who live in extreme poverty. Some of our neighbours live near to us, others live far away, but we all belong to God's family.



