

LENT
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THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Aid agencies have found themselves overwhelmed by donations of clothes and goods so, at this moment in time, **financial donations** are the priority this week please!

THIS WEEKEND PARISH COLLECTION - PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY!

Our Parish is holding a second collection, after each Mass, for our Ukrainian brothers and sisters to show our unity, support and love in this time of great need.

Please give generously at the second collection this weekend – 12th - 13th March.

FOR THE REMAINDER OF LENT

Ongoing donations can be made by cash or cheque in an envelope addressed to Fr David (marked '**UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL**') and put through the Presbytery door. Alternatively, you can give online to ACN (our chosen 'Parish Appeal' Charity): acnuk.org



**St Austin's & the
English Martyrs**

OUR PARISH UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

Our call for help!



For this Lenten Season, along with many other initiatives, our Parish will provide a weekly handout to highlight how we, as a Parish (or individually), may wish to support the suffering Ukrainian people at this crucial time.

SAVE THE DATE

Next week we'll have dates for your diaries for forthcoming prayer and fundraising events organised by the people of our parish – please also support and donate where you can.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN UNITED KINGDOM



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OUR CHOSEN 'PARISH APPEAL' CHARITY

Throughout Lent, any donations raised through our Parish Group activities will be sent to support the work of ACN who have already sent €1 million (more than £830,000) to Ukraine in the wake of the Russian invasion.

Donations support priests and members of religious congregations working in parishes, currently at tremendous risk, to provide aid and comfort to their fearful people, to refugees displaced by violence, to vulnerable children in orphanages, single mothers and the elderly. All are facing the challenge of spiralling costs as a result of the war. Your kind donation, of whatever you can afford, will help get aid to where it is needed most at this distressing time. Find out more: acnuk.org

Listen here to the appeal from Fr Roman Laba, priest of the Catholic Parish in Brovary (Ukraine), whose town has been under attack: acnuk.org

THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS

Please see the message from Bishop Marcus to all the people of our Diocese, suggesting prayerful and practical ways we can help our brothers and sisters in Ukraine:

dioceseofleeds.org.uk/news

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

PLEASE KEEP US UPDATED

If you are aware of, or organising, any parish or local events to offer support to the Ukrainian people at this time, then please let us know and we'll include the information in this weekly bulletin (and through our various channels). Simply email details of the event (50-100 words maximum please) to danniefirth7@gmail.com. Please send any information before 12 noon on Mondays, for inclusion in this Lenten weekly bulletin.

FUNDRAISING IDEAS

For ideas how you can help raise funds for the Lenten Appeal, please see the section on our Parish homepage at: catholicchurchwakefield.co.uk: Parish Ukraine Emergency Appeal

“Don't be
observers
in life... get
involved as
Jesus did.”

Pope Francis