

# LENT 2022 ISSUE 2

19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## THIS WEEK

Last week we focused on **Almsgiving** with our Parish Appeal collection. This week we focus on: **Prayer, Fasting & Fundraising**.

## THANK YOU!

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sincere thanks for your great generosity. **A total of £4200 was raised from last week's retiring collection alone – a fantastic response from the people of our Parish.**

Thanks also to all who donated separately – direct to ACN, and other suggested charities, on behalf of the Parish Appeal.

## THE FINAL 4 WEEKS

**Please continue to donate in these final weeks of Lent.**

Ongoing donations can be made by cash or cheque – made payable to St Austin's Church – in an envelope addressed to Fr David (marked 'UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL') and put through the Presbytery door. To give electronically (or 'gift aid' your donation), see: [acnuk.org](http://acnuk.org) – 'Ukraine Emergency Appeal'.

**Bishop Marcus also suggests some charities that you may like to support, please see: [dioceseofleeds.org.uk/news](http://dioceseofleeds.org.uk/news)**



# St Austin's & the English Martyrs

## PARISH/UKRAINE: LENT CAMPAIGN

### OUR CALL TO HELP!



“ I continue to pray unceasingly for peace, and invite all people of good will to do the same. ”

*Pope Francis*

### PRAYING FOR PEACE

**Starting this week, throughout Lent, there will be a dedicated half hour of Adoration and Rosary Prayer offered for peace in Ukraine.** This will take place every Tuesday, at English Martyrs church, after the 12.00 Mass. Please come if you are able. More events to follow.

### FASTING FOR PEACE

This Lent, why not fast from some leisure time to attend a mid-week Mass or other Lenten prayer opportunity (Stations of the Cross, etc.)? Please come and participate to pray together for peace and in support of all those who are suffering because of the crisis in Ukraine – all are welcome.

## MAKE PRAYER A PRIORITY

Keep updated, each week throughout Lent, about further **PRAYER EVENTS**. For details, go to: [catholicchurchwakefield.co.uk](http://catholicchurchwakefield.co.uk) and click on the latest black and white Parish Bulletin or see the 'Parish/Ukraine: Lent Campaign' section for regular updates throughout Lent.



## St Austin's & the English Martyrs

Prayerful support for the Ukrainian people is vital but there is also a great ongoing need for financial support to help the humanitarian relief work. Please visit our **new webpage** to see how you can help: [catholicchurchwakefield.co.uk](http://catholicchurchwakefield.co.uk) and click 'Parish/Ukraine: Lent Campaign' in the 'Latest News' section.

## JOIN IN: FORTHCOMING FUNDRAISERS

**Starting 21<sup>st</sup> March and throughout Lent!** Check our 'Parish/Ukraine: Lent Campaign' webpage to keep updated each week about any forthcoming fundraising events, organised by the people of our Parish. These fundraising events will be offered in support of the Ukrainian people. Please do join in to support where possible.

## JOIN US: ORGANISE A FUNDRAISER

**Could you help to fundraise?** It could be something as simple as fasting from a particular meal and giving the money saved to the Parish Appeal or to another good charity supporting humanitarian work. For lots of ideas how you can help raise funds, individually, as a family or parish group, please see: [catholicchurchwakefield.co.uk](http://catholicchurchwakefield.co.uk) and click 'Parish/Ukraine: Lent Campaign' in the 'Latest News' section.

## CBCEW LENTEN UPDATES

To see this week's message from the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, about practical and spiritual support for Ukraine (and lots more), visit: [cbcw.org.uk/pray-for-peace-in-ukraine](http://cbcw.org.uk/pray-for-peace-in-ukraine)

## POPE FRANCIS REMINDS US:

"Lent is a time for reconsidering our feelings, for letting our eyes be opened to injustice, to open our hearts to those who are suffering.

Let us take special advantage of this Lenten season to care for those close to us and to reach out to our brothers and sisters who lie wounded along the path of life."

**Pope Francis**

## 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 so that we can help to promote your event. Simply email details of your prayer or fundraising event (50-100 words maximum please) to [danniefirth7@gmail.com](mailto:danniefirth7@gmail.com).