

LENT 2022 ISSUE 3

26th - 27th March 2022

THIS WEEK

This is the 3rd and final newsletter of our March 2022 Awareness Campaign.

Our focus is on the refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Together, we can make a real difference to the many families who desperately need our help! It is an ongoing opportunity to serve Christ (to give something to Christ in the poor and needy), to alleviate the suffering of those who are displaced as a result of the war.

LET'S KEEP GOING!

Although this is our final Appeal newsletter, our Parish/Ukraine Campaign will continue throughout Lent with ongoing weekly updates on the Parish bulletin and also on the dedicated webpage each week. So please continue to be involved. For weekly updates please see: catholicchurchwakefield.co.uk and click 'Parish/Ukraine: Lent Campaign' in the 'Latest News' section.



St Austin's & the English Martyrs

Jesus said, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Whatever you did for my brothers and sisters in need, you did for me." Matt. 25:35.40

REFUGEES: HOW CAN WE HELP?



“ I would like once again to urge the welcoming of the many refugees, in whom Christ is present, and to give thanks for the great network of solidarity that has formed. May every parish and religious community in Europe host a refugee family. ”

Pope Francis

Catholic Care

A service you can believe in



SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

As the principal expression of Caritas in the Diocese of Leeds, Catholic Care are working with the Home Office and various partners to be in a position to welcome Ukrainian refugee families and those affected by war into our communities.

Please keep checking Catholic Care's website for the latest updates on our response to the fast-changing crisis in Ukraine by visiting catholiccare-org.uk. Or simply click on the 'quick link' to the Catholic Care website on the tiles to the right of the Diocesan News page.

THIS WEEKEND'S RETIRING COLLECTION

This weekend's retiring collection (26/27th March) will be for Catholic Care. An opportunity to show our love in action. Once again, please give generously.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN UNITED KINGDOM

THANK YOU FROM ACN!

“The Church is at the heart of organising shelter and distributing many hot meals, emergency medical supplies and other aid. When the Ukrainian refugees arrived, terrorised and exhausted, we were already there to help.” Father Andrzej Paś, of ACN Poland

ACN has now sent over £1 million in immediate emergency aid to Ukraine. In Lviv near the Polish border, ACN is supporting thousands of refugees who are passing through.

Near the south-east port of Mariupol, 37 miles from the Russian border, the ACN team spoke with Brother Vasyl about his work with refugees: evacuating children, from destitute families, to the countryside in central Ukraine. Many are traumatised because of the shooting in the area.

Sr Natalia of the Sacred Family Order (Greek- Catholic) said ‘We have been helping the displaced, supplying air-raid bunkers and welcoming people, especially women and children’. In the Kharkiv diocese, the aid has provided heating, lighting, water and food.

Bishop Honcharuk, who is based in Kharkiv where residential areas were destroyed by shelling, said: “I would especially thank the benefactors who, through ACN, fulfil their calling to show mercy and love.”

Find out more about how ACN are helping at: acnuk.org/acn-news

SAVE THE DATES! PRAYER & FUNDRAISING:

FROM THE WEEK BEGINNING 21ST MARCH!

Throughout Lent, check out Prayer and Fundraising Events supporting our Ukraine Appeal (updated every Saturday).

Full details at: catholicchurchwakefield.co.uk and click: ‘Parish/Ukraine: Lent Campaign’ in the ‘Latest News’ section.

STAY INVOLVED!

Although our dedicated Parish/Ukraine Lent Campaign will end in a few weeks, the need continues. Would you like to be involved in a group that will continue to support this pressing need? If so, please express your interest by sending an email to: office.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

CATHOLIC AGENCIES ABROAD

There are many ways in which you can support the current refugee situation.

Find out more at:
cafod.org.uk & caritas.org

POPE FRANCIS REMINDS US:

“Refugees are not numbers, they are people who have faces, names, stories, and need to be treated as such. I thank all those who are taking in refugees.

Thank you, brothers and sisters. Let us pray together for Ukraine. Let us pray together, as brothers and sisters, to Our Lady, Queen of Ukraine.”

Pope Francis