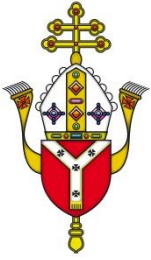


# Westminster Information



Issue 145

March 2022

Day by day the news from Ukraine becomes more heart-rending and appalling. I find it so distressing. It is hard to take in. I am sure you do too.

I know that so many of you are joining in the wave of prayer, beseeching the Lord to move hearts and minds for the opening of a way to peace. Safe humanitarian corridors are desperately needed. We cry out to heaven for a ceasefire. Patterns of regular prayer in our parishes, such as vigils and Holy Hours, are not at all out of place in these desperate days.

I thank all who are working hard to support efforts to get help to desperate people. The Ukrainian Cathedral in Binney Street has good, direct links into Ukraine (details of how to donate to the effort are on page 3). The Polish community are working hard on the supplies of aid to Poland. Please keep informed of these initiatives and encourage their support.

This week, ways of assisting Ukrainian refugees arriving in this country are opening up. Our Caritas network will help you to plug into this great and necessary effort. Please do encourage all who can to come forward to help.

May the Lord help us to bring this onslaught to an end.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*+ Vincent Nichols*

✠ Cardinal Vincent Nichols

Please send contributions for the next edition to [communications@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:communications@rcdow.org.uk). Deadline for the next edition is 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

## CLERGY NEWS

### For those who have died

Marianne Peck, consecrated hermit, on 15<sup>th</sup> February

Abbot Francis Rossier OSB on 11<sup>th</sup> March

Maisie Burke, mother of Fr David Burke, on 6<sup>th</sup> March

May they rest in peace.

### Appointments

#### Ordinations

Fr Jonathan Goodall, ordained to the priesthood on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March, appointed Parish Priest to St William of York, Stanmore

#### Chaplains

Fr Damian Moneke CSSp residing at Hounslow, part time Chaplain to Heathrow Airport from 10<sup>th</sup> January

Fr Francisco Cruz CM appointed Chaplain to the Filipino community from 16<sup>th</sup> February in succession to Fr Cirino Potrido CM who returns to the Philippines

Fr Michael Ogunyinka on loan from the Diocese of Ijebu-Ode, Chaplain to the Nigerian community from 28<sup>th</sup> February

## CHANCERY NOTICES

### Reminder

Papers: As of January 2022, we no longer accept papers from cancelled weddings in 2020/21. All papers should be dated within 6 months of the date of marriage where required (i.e. non-Catholic baptism certificates do not need to be up to date for marriage as they are not annotated through life).

### Overseas marriages

France: Birth certificates for all parties (up-to-date copies of birth certificates for French Nationals) and Declarations of Intention (samples can be provided).

Hong Kong: Copies of birth certificates

Ireland: If you are asked to celebrate a marriage in Ireland you must be added to the Temporary Solemnisers' Register. There are forms available from some Irish dioceses, but requirements vary. It is best to seek clarification from the Parish Priest of the place of marriage.

Important: Please note that in Disparity of Cult cases only, Irish dioceses now require an authenticated copy of the birth certificate of the unbaptised party. Tuam in particular are very strict with regard to this requirement, following guidelines received by the Irish Hierarchy, though not all Irish dioceses are following suit.

Spain: Copies of birth certificates and passports for all

## NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Emergency Appeal for Ukraine

The Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral and community organisations have united to work with accredited and registered Ukrainian charities to provide medicines, food and critical services to support the most vulnerable to overcome the consequences and trauma of war.

Donations can be made by cheque (payable to AUGB LTD - Central Appeal Fund and sent to Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London, Chancery Office, 21-22 Binney Street, London W1K 5BQ), directly to the central appeal fund (AUGB Ltd, Account Number: 80038237, Sortcode: 20-65-89, with reference HelpUkraine) or online: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/helpukraine>

Alternately, donations can also be made to Cafod, who are a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee at <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>

### Ukrainian Appeal Speaker

Last Sunday, Svitlana Pyrkalo, Principal, Communications for the European Bank for Reconstruction, former journalist with BBC Ukrainian, and native Ukrainian, spoke to parishioners at St Joan of Arc, Highbury as part of an appeal for donations in response to the war in Ukraine. She has kindly offered to speak to other church groups. If you'd like to ask her to speak to your parishioners, please email [svitlana@gmail.com](mailto:svitlana@gmail.com) or call 07802510751

### Deanery Youth Confirmations

Revised dates for the Deanery Youth Confirmations in the Cathedral are as follows:

- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 2.30pm, celebrated by Bishop John Sherrington
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm, celebrated by Bishop Nicholas Hudson

### Plenary Indulgence

In connection with the Jubilee Celebrations of St Luigi Orione, the Holy Father has granted the possibility of gaining a plenary indulgence by visiting a parish of the Sons of Divine Providence and participating devoutly in the Jubilee celebrations. The SDP are in residence in four parishes within the Diocese of Westminster: Hampton Wick Chapel; St Michael's, Ashford; St David's Church, Stanwell; Sacred Heart Church, Teddington.

Further details are available on their parish website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/ashford/news-from-the-sons/plenary-indulgence/>

## COURSES, RETREATS AND EVENTS

### Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 3:30pm at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, Covent Garden, the Byzantine choir of the CIEL (Centre international d'Etudes Liturgiques), will be singing Greek Office of the Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God, a much loved Lenten Devotion in the Eastern Catholic and Orthodox traditions. A poster is enclosed, all are most welcome.

### Stella Maris webinar: Modernisation and its costs

Shipping has become more efficient, but what does this mean for the seafarers working on ships? On the one-year anniversary of the Ever Given grounding in the Suez Canal, Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) are holding an online panel discussion on 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 7.30pm to 9pm. The panel will discuss the impact of modernisation, and the important role Stella Maris has in supporting seafarers. For details and to register, visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation)

### Ongoing Clergy Formation: Lenten Days of Recollection

Two Lenten Days of Recollection have been organised for clergy. The first, led by Fr Gerard Sheehan, will take place at the Niland Conference Centre on 29<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30am to 3.30pm. Please contact [virginiautley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:virginiautley@rcdow.org.uk) by 17<sup>th</sup> March to book a place.

The second, also on 29<sup>th</sup> March, will take place from 11am to 3.30pm at the Focolare Centre in Welwyn Garden City led by Sister Judith Russi, a Sister of St Mary of Namur. Please contact [maurambride@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:maurambride@rcdow.org.uk) by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March to book a place or make further inquiries.

### Catholics in Health and Social Care: Ethics and Practice

St Mary's University, the Anscombe Centre and the Bios Centre are holding an event on ethics and practice in health and social care, taking place on 2<sup>nd</sup> April at St Patrick's Church, Soho Square. The event is part of a series aimed at Christians working in the health and social care sectors, but anybody is welcome to attend. Topics include the challenges of assisted dying, the care of the dying and questions of conscientious objection in the workplace.

Contributors include Bishop John Sherrington, Prof David Albert Jones, Director of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre; Margaret Doherty, Director of the Centre of the Art of Dying Well; and Dr Helen Watt, Senior Research Fellow of the Bios Centre. Poster is enclosed. Cost is £20. To book, please visit <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2022/04/catholics-in-health-and-social-care>. For more information, contact [marianne.rozario@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:marianne.rozario@stmarys.ac.uk)

### Mass for Migrants

Bishop Michael Campbell OSA will celebrate the Mass for Migrants on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at Westminster Cathedral for the feast of St Joseph the Worker, with ethnic chaplaincies and communities around London. The Mass will begin at 2.30pm, with a banner procession from 2pm. A poster is enclosed, all are welcome.

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Cardinal Vincent will be leading the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Materials have been sent out to parishes this week, for details and to book call 01732 886666 or visit [www.tangney-tours.com/westminster](http://www.tangney-tours.com/westminster)

## DIARY

**23<sup>rd</sup> March** Council of Deans

**6<sup>th</sup> April** Council of Priests

**23<sup>rd</sup> April** Adult Confirmations (Cathedral)

**2<sup>nd</sup> May** Mass for Migrants (Cathedral)

**14<sup>th</sup> May** Mass for Matrimony (Cathedral)

**21<sup>st</sup> May** Mass for New Catholics (Cathedral)

**21<sup>st</sup> June** Day for Clergy (Pimlico)

**9<sup>th</sup> July** Adult Confirmations (Cathedral)

**22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July** Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

**1<sup>st</sup> October** Adult Confirmations (Cathedral)

**26<sup>th</sup> October** Council of Deans

**9<sup>th</sup> November** Council of Priests

**9<sup>th</sup> November** Deceased Clergy Requiem (Cathedral)

**21<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November** Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land