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CSAN has provided a fully revised text for this web-based toolkit - <https://www.csan.org.uk/ukraine/>

**2. Calling All Voluntary Youth Work Services In Wales!**

A new and exciting project to Map and Evaluate the Voluntary Youth Work Sector in Wales has been launched!

**The KESS project - Mapping and Evaluating the Voluntary Youth Work Sector for Wales** is a Masters by Research project conducted by the University of South Wales and funded by the European Social Fund in partnership with CWVYS. The research aims to make the voluntary youth work sector more visible and ensure their contributions are valued by all stakeholders.

You may be aware that the voluntary sector is under-researched and valued in comparison to statutory services, who have an audit each year. We hope our research can change this. To do so, we would value your contribution to our short online survey.

**If you are an organisation that provides voluntary youth work services for young people in Wales**, please follow the link below to the survey which simply captures the nature of your organisation and the support provided to young people. Survey completion should take no more than **15 minutes**. Your time and comments are greatly valued.

**To start the survey, please follow the below links:**

**Survey in English:** <https://southwales.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/mapping-and-evaluating-the-voluntary-youth-work-sector-for-7>

**Survey in Welsh:** <https://southwales.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/mapio-a-gwerthuso-sector-gwaith-ieuentid-gwirfoddol-cymru>

Please also share the survey link and information among your networks (e.g. by email or social media) – the more responses we receive the better we can represent the experiences of the sector as a whole and the young people they support.

You will find further information on the project at the beginning of the survey, however, should you have any questions or feedback on the research, please feel free to contact the researcher by email:

[Elizabeth.bacon@southwales.ac.uk](mailto:Elizabeth.bacon@southwales.ac.uk) Thank you in advance for your input. With your support we hope we can deliver on bringing the change and representation the sector needs.

### **3. News From CAFOD**

Therese Warwick, CAFOD's Community Participation Co-ordinator for Cardiff and Menevia, has provided a number of News items. Therese can be contacted at [twarwick@cafod.org.uk](mailto:twarwick@cafod.org.uk) or [southwales@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwales@cafod.org.uk)

- **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass**

Join us Friday 10 June at 12:30pm to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of CAFOD. We will mark this occasion with a special Mass live streamed from St. George's Cathedral in Southwark, London. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Stephen Wright (Birmingham) and will be joined by the London Community Gospel Choir. We give thanks for our global partner organisations that we work with, CAFOD volunteers, supporters and staff past and present, tirelessly invoking the spirit of God's love to help our sisters and brothers abroad, to boldly speak out for justice.

Register here: <https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/60-Anniversary>

- **Latest Campaign - Fix The Food System**

Our global food system is broken. It doesn't work for the people who work the hardest and it doesn't work for the planet. Profits come before people, and the farmers who grow our food live in poverty. The good news? Alternatives already exist and communities who work with CAFOD are leading the way, growing food in ways that are good for people and the planet. Contact [southwales@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwales@cafod.org.uk) for more information. Order a [free leader's guide](#) to help spread awareness in your parish community

- **Step Into The Gap**

*Step Into The Gap* offers a unique opportunity for 18–30-year-olds to develop leadership skills within a full-time gap year volunteering UK placement. Enjoy immersive and interactive experiences as an ambassador for CAFOD and inspire the next generation of young people to act for the most marginalised people and work towards a fairer world. Placements are based in the UK, either in a youth retreat centre or Catholic Secondary school. For more information and how to apply go to: [www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear](http://www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear) or contact Arianne McIntyre at: [youngleadership@cafod.org.uk](mailto:youngleadership@cafod.org.uk)

### **4. World Meeting of Families 22 – 26 June 2022** <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wmof22/>

The World Meeting of Families is held every three years. In 2022 it takes place in the Diocese of Rome but, through creative local initiatives in our dioceses and live-streaming, this is a truly global digital event. The theme for the tenth World Meeting of Families (WMOF) is *Family Love: a vocation and a path to Holiness*. The World Meeting of Families was instituted by Pope St John Paul II in 1994. The week is organised and promoted by the Vatican Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life. Although physically hosted by the Diocese of Rome, in 2022 the event will be multi-centred and spread out throughout the world's Catholic dioceses. The limitations of the pandemic are, in a sense, presenting the opportunity for more families to truly participate and offer their contributions to diocesan meetings. The aim is for events in Rome and local initiatives to go hand-in-hand. Catholics will be able to listen to and follow the meeting with the Holy Father via live streaming. Each meeting begins with a Congress that invites married couples, families, pastors, theologians, and professionals with expertise on a variety of issues that affect family life together for workshops, talks, and discussions surrounding the theme. The shape of the event has always been fairly consistent, with an international Theological-Pastoral Congress at the start and ending, in the presence of the Pope, with a vigil and 'Festival of Families' along with a great final Eucharistic celebration. Among other things, the World Meeting is part of the current synodal journey of the Church and will provide a valuable experience of "participation, communion and mission" for our families. [#WMOF22](#)

[See also *The Pope's Prayer intention in June – For Families*]

### **5. Vatican grants indulgences for Day for Grandparents and Elderly**

The Holy See announced on Monday a series of indulgences that can be obtained by those taking part on the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. *Vatican News, 30 May 2022*

In a [decree](#) published on Monday, the Apostolic Penitentiary – the Vatican tribunal responsible for issues relating to mercy and the forgiveness of sins in the Church – announced several grants of indulgences for those taking part in the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which this year falls on Sunday 24 July.

A plenary indulgence, which may also be obtained in suffrage for the souls in Purgatory, is granted:

- to grandparents, the elderly, and the faithful who, motivated by a true spirit of penance and charity, will participate on July 24th in the solemn celebration that Pope Francis will preside over in the Vatican, or in the various functions that take place throughout the world;
- to the faithful who, on the same day, devote adequate time to visit, in person or virtually through the media, their disabled brothers and sisters in need or in difficulty (such as the sick, the abandoned, or the disabled)
- to the sick elderly and to all those who, unable to leave their homes for a serious reason, will unite spiritually with the sacred services of the World Day, offering to the Merciful God their prayers, the pains and sufferings of their lives, especially while the words of the Supreme Pontiff and the various celebrations are broadcast through the media

The grants of indulgence, “from the heavenly treasures of the Church,” are made under the usual conditions of sacramental Confession, Eucharistic confession, and prayers for the intentions of the Pope. In the decree announcing the indulgences, the Apostolic Penitentiary also “firmly requests” priests to make themselves available, “with a ready and generous spirit,” to hear confessions so that “this opportunity to attain divine grace through the power of the Keys of the Church may be more easily realised through pastoral charity.” Pope Francis established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in 2021, setting its observance for the fourth Sunday in July, the Sunday nearest the feast of Sts Anne and Joachim, grandparents of Jesus. [See also *The Pope’s Prayer intention in July – For the Elderly*]

**6. The Pope’s Prayer intentions:** [Visit: <https://thepopevideo.org/> each month for the latest video]

#### **June - For families**

*“We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.”*

#### **July - For the elderly**

*“We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.”*

**7. The Cycle of Prayer** - <https://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/2022/Ordo-2022.pdf>

**Throughout Easter we are asked to pray for the following intentions:**

- [The Church](#) - especially on [Pentecost](#) [5 June]

**Background** Throughout the Season of Easter the first reading at Mass is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. Luke tells the story of the early Church from the Ascension and Pentecost to the early missions of the apostles.

*When the work which the Father gave the Son to do on earth was accomplished, the Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost in order that he might continually sanctify the Church.” Then “the Church was openly displayed to the crowds and the spread of the Gospel among the nations, through preaching, was begun.” As the “convocation” of all men for salvation, the Church in her very nature is missionary, sent by Christ to all the nations to make disciples of them. **Catechism 767***

*Those who with God’s help have welcomed Christ’s call and freely responded to it are urged on by love of Christ to proclaim the Good News everywhere in the world. This treasure, received from the apostles, has been faithfully guarded by their successors. All Christ’s faithful are called to hand it on from generation to generation, by professing the faith, by living it in fraternal sharing, and by celebrating it in liturgy and prayer. **Catechism 3***

**Throughout Ordinary Time: Summer we are asked to pray for the following intentions:**

- [A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews](#)

**Pope to B’nai B’rith: Promote fraternity by helping those in need** Meeting with a delegation from B’nai B’rith International, Pope Francis emphasizes the need to care for our sisters and brothers, inviting Jews and Christians to work together for the poor, for justice, and for the protection of creation. **Vatican News, 30 May 2022** - <https://tinyurl.com/2p873e8b>

- [Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights](#) - especially on *St John Fisher and St Thomas More* (22 June)

#### **Aid to the Church in Need**

Aid to the Church in Need is a Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church, supporting the Catholic faithful and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. <https://acnuk.org/about/>

- [Human Life](#) - especially on Day for Life (3rd Sunday in June)

### **Day for Life**

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's Day for Life is celebrated on **19 June** in England and Wales.

Read more in our '[About](#)' section. <https://www.dayforlife.org/>

- [Europe](#) - especially of the feasts of St Benedict (11 July), St Bridget of Sweden (23 July), St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (9 August) who with St Cyril and St Methodius (14 February), and St Catherine of Siena (29 April) are Patrons of Europe)
- [Seafarers](#) - especially on Sea Sunday (2nd Sunday in July). See also: <https://www.stellamaris.org.uk/>

### **Sea Sunday 10th Jul 2022**

Every year churches around the world celebrate Sea Sunday. It is a day for people to come together to pray for seafarers and fishers, and thank them for the vital role they play in all of our lives. Your church can show your support for seafarers and fishers this Sea Sunday, and raise vital funds to ensure we can support everyone who needs our help. This year, Sea Sunday is on the **10th July**, but you can also choose to celebrate seafarers and fishers any day of the year that suits you. We will soon have a range of resources to download to help your parish celebrate Sea Sunday this year, including a parish pack, a poster, and an appeal talk. If you would like to speak to us about how you can get involved in Sea Sunday, or to organise a speaker or resources, please contact Roland Hayes [roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org](mailto:roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org) 07887 893763

In the meantime you can find our 2021 resources on this page. <https://www.stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday/>

### **8. United for peace – Caritas Europa Regional Conference**

On 12 May, in Athens, Caritas Europa announced the conclusion of its annual Regional Conference, the main decision making body of the European network. 124 delegates from 39 countries elected their new Executive Board and confirmed Msgr. Michael Landau in his role as President of the European network for a second term.

The Regional Conference, hosted by Caritas Hellas, benefitted from the contributions of many guests and took place in the context of the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and the humanitarian challenges that have resulted. The President of Caritas Ukraine, Tetiana Stawnychy, and the Executive Director of Caritas Spes, Vyacheslav Grynevych, attended and briefed delegates on the realities of the war on the ground. A session of solidarity and support was organised, as well as a moment of prayer for peace.

The UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres also spoke to the Conference, sending a [video](#) message to greet those attending. He acknowledged the importance of the network in mitigating the devastating consequences of multiple crises such as climate change, the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the war in Ukraine on the world's most vulnerable.

*Your commitment to peace and justice and your contributions to fight poverty and inequality is more critical than ever.*

#### **António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations**

*Our common engagement makes a substantial difference to many people in our continent and beyond. We stand for a social Europe able to cope with the consequences of the pandemic and war.*

#### **Msgr. Michael Landau, President of Caritas Europa**

Peace, solidarity, and mission were some keywords that emerged from the opening sessions. During the thematic sessions, the delegates engaged in discussions on what to prioritise in their work in the coming future and voted on the following key recommendations.

1. Set up at national level advisory committees involving the people we serve and set up other measures to foster their empowerment;
2. Strengthen Caritas in the mission of the Church and build on grassroots participation;
3. Enable structures to facilitate and improve the involvement of youth and women within Caritas at all levels, including governance.

These recommendations shall guide the reflections of the European network as they seek to implement the Strategic Framework 2021-2028 and respond to the signs of the times.

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