

Caritas Calling! July / August 2022

A Monthly Bulletin for our local parishes, charities and Catholic Agencies



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1. CSAN resource on Ukraine - 24 June 2022 – Minor amends to reflect updates in Government guidance **Our view of the current situation on refugee-to-host matching and support**

CSAN has sustained contact with the UK Government, other Caritas agencies in Europe, and other faith groups, on improving the speed, safety and effectiveness of matching processes between refugees and hosts in this country.

By May 2022, Caritas organisations had supported in person around 1.5 million people displaced from home by the war, internally within Ukraine and in nearby countries.

DePaul International, religious orders and other Catholic charities are active on the ground too.

Feedback from colleagues in national Caritas organisations in the war region indicates that most refugees want to remain close to Ukraine, and have little interest in moving as far as the UK, though as at early June 2022 there are some emerging indications that a significant number of refugees may look to move to Southern Europe.

The UK's international reputation as a 'hostile environment' in terms of public policy on immigration has also been reported to have had an impact on the willingness of charities overseas to encourage refugees to come to the UK, and among the general public in Europe.

Finally, the current matching services recognised by Government are over-stretched to cope with the number of UK households willing to host.

CSAN remains keen to support an increase in matching provision through the Caritas network in England and Wales, and international Catholic channels.

This is dependent on new funding and CSAN is actively exploring options.

We understand around 230,000 UK households have registered to host one or more refugees in the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

As at 21 June 2022, the Government had issued nearly 86,000 visas for the scheme in England and Wales, and an estimated 50,000 people had arrived through this route.

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

2. 14.5 million people in the UK are in poverty.

In addition, the need to plan and resource a humanitarian response to poverty in England and Wales is acute: how we resource both the needs of incoming refugees and existing residents already in poverty. The 'cost-of-living crisis' is forecast to push an additional 4 million UK households into poverty in 2022.

Poverty challenge 2022: See, Judge, Act - [Download the resource](#)

3. News From CAFOD

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 for more information. Order a [free leader's guide](#) to help spread awareness in your parish community. Therese Warwick is CAFOD's Community Participation Co-ordinator for Cardiff and Menevia. Therese can be contacted at twarwick@cafod.org.uk or southwales@cafod.org.uk

World food crisis - What you can do today to fight the causes of hunger in the future

16 June 2022 <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/World-food-crisis>

The scale of this global crisis is immense – but together, we are far from powerless.

In Kenya, Ethiopia, and South Sudan, up to 20 million people are fighting for their very survival. The threat of extreme hunger is forcing people to spend their life-savings or leave their homes. This is not normal – no one facing this kind of hunger could ever claim it was normal.

How is CAFOD responding to the world food crisis?

Our local Church aid workers are already on the front line of the food crisis in the Horn of Africa region, getting emergency food supplies and clean water to vulnerable families in need. Working as part of the global Caritas network of Catholic international aid agencies, our local experts are also fighting hunger in Nigeria, Afghanistan and communities in other countries facing a food emergency. We have committed £500,000 of your generous donations to this food crisis and our local experts are getting emergency food and clean water to hundreds of thousands of people. [Donate to help those going hungry right now](#)

What can I do to help?

i. Support our World Food Crisis Appeal

Your support today can help our local experts stop this crisis turning into one of the worst humanitarian tragedies we've ever seen. Please give what you can today to provide urgent help now to families in East Africa, support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table, and help fight the causes of hunger longer term. This crisis is severe – and it is going to take commitment and dedication to help as many people affected as possible, and to keep supporting them as they recover and rebuild. Your donation today will help to provide urgent help now to families in East Africa. [Donate today](#)

ii. Urge politicians to fix the food system

Political inaction is one of the key reasons emergencies like this keep happening – please raise your voice to our government and demand they take action to provide urgent help and fix the food system for a world where no one struggles to get enough to eat. [Send a message to the foreign secretary](#)

iii. Pray for those who are hungry

Please keep all the families affected by this crisis – including those here at home who are finding it hard to keep up with the cost of living – in your prayers. [Pray for food justice](#)

What are the causes of the world food crisis?

This disaster has been created by a perfect storm of converging crises, including the coronavirus pandemic, climate change and the Ukraine conflict, causing food prices to skyrocket. Our global food system is at breaking point. All around the world – including here, in the UK – families are finding it harder than ever to put food on the table. In the affected areas of East Africa, many of the people worst affected have been learning to cope with the impacts of climate change for years – but collapsing supply chains, on top of four consecutive years of unbearable drought, have put everything they've worked for at risk.

Will my donation make a difference?

As Catholics, we are called to care for the world's most vulnerable people and it is this commitment to our global family in times of crisis that is the true mark of our faith. Your donations will be used to support those in urgent need.

“For I was hungry, and you gave me to eat ... in so far as you did this to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.” Matthew 25:35, 40

Is ending hunger possible in the long term?

We believe that a future without hunger for our global family is possible if we work together. Governments must look to end conflicts and allow humanitarian access to all areas where vulnerable people need life-

saving aid. And to end hunger permanently, governments must be willing and able to rebuild a sustainable and fairer global economy. Hunger is a symptom of a deeper problem in a world in which the current system of growing, producing and consuming food works against the world's poorest communities.

4. World Meeting of Families - Pope to families: I want the Church to be a Good Samaritan for you

Wednesday, June 22nd, 2022 <https://youtu.be/uku-EidhBng>

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-to-families-i-want-the-church-to-be-a-good-samaritan-for-you/>

At the Festival of Families opening the World Meeting of Families, Pope Francis invites families to take a “step forward” in order to “change the world and make it a home for all those who need to feel welcomed and accepted.”

Bearing witness to the joys and hardships of family life

Pope Francis participated in the opening ceremonies in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall, listening to the witness borne by several families who shared their experiences of the joys, concerns, hardships, and hopes of family life in the modern world.

They included the parents of the Servant of God Chiara Corbella Petrilla, a pro-life advocate who maintained her faith as she battled against cancer; a Ukrainian mother and her daughter, along with the large Italian family that welcomed them after they fled the war in Ukraine; and the Muslim widow of the Italian ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Congo, who was assassinated while carrying out humanitarian work.

Journeying together

Responding to their testimonies, Pope Francis assured all married couples and families throughout the world of his closeness to them in their concrete situations. He offered them his words of encouragement: “Start from where you are, and from there, try to journey together: together as couples, together in your own families, together with other families, together with the Church.”

Recalling the image of the Good Samaritan, the Holy Father said, “That is what I want the Church to be for all of you: A Good Samaritan that draws near to you and helps you to continue your journey and to take a step forward, however small.”

He went on to indicate some of those steps, drawing on the testimonies presented earlier by families: stepping forward towards openness to marriage, to embracing crosses, towards forgiveness, towards being welcoming to others, and towards fostering fraternity.

A mission and a witness for the world

Concluding his remarks, Pope Francis emphasized that every family “has a mission to carry out in our world, a testimony to give.”

He invited families to ask themselves, “What is the word that the Lord wants to speak through our life to all those whom we meet? What ‘step forward’ is he asking of our family today?”

The Pope called on families to “stop and listen” and to allow themselves “to be changed by Him, so that you too can change the world and make it ‘home’ for all those who need to feel welcomed and accepted, for all those who need to encounter Christ and to know that they are loved.”

The World Meeting of Families continues through the weekend, culminating in a final Mass celebrated by Pope Francis in Saint Peter's Square on Saturday night, with a final “Mandate to Families” delivered by the Pope at the Angelus on Sunday.

5. Vatican grants indulgences for Day for Grandparents and Elderly - Sunday 24 July

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]

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.”

August - For small businesses

“We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.”

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

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

Prayer resource: <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Cycle/CPSummer.pdf>

- [A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews](#)
- [Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights](#) - especially on St John Fisher and St Thomas More (22 June)
- [Human Life](#) - especially on Day for Life (3rd Sunday in June)
- [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/>

8. 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 have a range of resources to download to help your parish celebrate Sea Sunday this year, including a [parish resource booklet](#), a [poster](#), and an [appeal talk](#). You can download these, and more, below.

[Download our 2022 resource booklet](#); [Download our 2022 A4 Poster](#); [Download text for your newsletter](#);

[Download our appeal talk text as a word document](#); [Download our children’s activities](#);

[Download our 2022 thank you poster](#)

We also have our Gospel reflection and prayers of intercession translated into other languages for you to download and use. [Download our materials in other languages](#)

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 07887 893763

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