



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF  
**ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON**

## **Ukraine Fundraising Message to Parishes**

People across our faith community have been deeply affected by the conflict in Ukraine, with Holy Hours and prayers for peace offered across our many parishes.

Since the start of the war more than 2 million people have been forced to leave their homes including, according to UNICEF, a number of children travelling alone. Many diocesan parishes and schools have already undertaken fundraising initiatives for Ukraine, with others enquiring about the steps they might take to help our brothers and sisters at this extremely difficult time.

Giving to established registered charities with experience of delivering humanitarian aid in challenging environments is often the most efficient and helpful way to support those in need. In light of this, and following advice from Bishops' Conference (CBCEW), Bishop Richard recommends parishes wishing to give financial support CAFOD, who are part of the UK Disasters Emergency Committee response to the conflict and have experienced charitable partners already working in Ukraine. You can find out more about CAFOD's Ukraine Appeal here: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>.

At a local level Bishop Richard and our diocesan central office team are exploring the measures we can take to offer practical help and support to Ukrainian refugees due to arrive in Sussex and Surrey in the coming weeks - we will keep you fully updated on these plans moving forward.

As ever, we would ask for your continued prayers for the people of the region, and a peaceful end to the conflict.