

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA AND UKRAINE TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has announced that he will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of our Blessed Lady on Friday, 25 March, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord ('Lady Day'). This will occur during a 'Celebration of Penance' over which he will preside at 5pm (Rome time) in the Vatican Basilica of St Peter.

This act of consecration will be performed in communion with the local Churches throughout the world, and so at 4pm (London time) that same day, Archbishop John will lead our archdiocese in prayer, and himself preside at a service of consecration followed by a 'Rosary for Peace' in Southwark's Metropolitan Cathedral of St George.

This celebration will be livestreamed on the Southwark YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/RCSouthwark1> although it is hoped that many will wish to join Archbishop John in the cathedral. Clergy, religious, and lay-faithful may also wish to mark this moment of prayer in their conventual and parish churches.

CRISIS UKRAINE: We shall be holding a Second Collection on Sunday 3rd April for CRISIS Ukraine. This is a branch of CAFOD who are collecting funds for humanitarian crisis with the refugees fleeing their home from Ukraine. We are not collecting other goods as they have already received a generous amount from people already but are still welcoming financial support.