Dear All,

Here are a couple of things for the Newsletter the coming weekend:

    Mgr. Pat’s Corner

**Prayer for Ukraine**

*May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.*

*Everlasting, Merciful God, hear the cries of your people!  
We ask you to comfort those fleeing the deafening and frightening sounds of violence.*

*Be their refuge!  
Strengthen and encircle them in your love and guide all refugees to safety, security and a warm,*

*welcoming reception.  
Through the power of the Holy Spirit  
transform the hearts of politicians, diplomats, leaders of armed forces and those under their command  
to bring an end to the violence,*

*so that your perfect peace will take root and flourish both in Ukraine and in Russia.*

*Holy Mary, the Mother of our Lord, the Eternal Word,  
Lead us to your Son and the truth of His death on the cross to love God and to love our neighbour as ourselves.  
We ask you to protect under your mantle all who are assisting and providing sanctuary for families fleeing the conflict.  
O Morning Star! Queen of Peace! Faithful handmaid of our Lord,  
pray for all, who are affected by the bloodshed in Ukraine and  
intercede for us to your Son our Redeemer.  
Amen.*

*Heavenly Father,  
Your will for your people is peace, not war.  
Pour out on our world, especially in Eastern Europe, your Spirit of compassion and solidarity.*

*Grant all those who believe in you the strength to be close to those who suffer,*

*and the courage to resolve their differences and conflicts in truth and without resort to arms.  
Be with the widow, the orphan, the refugee and the peacemaker.  
Bind us all into the peace of your Kingdom.  
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Also, the Collection for the Ukranian Refugees from the Fife Cluster of Churches came to £3500. A magnificent response, and many thanks to all who contributed. I will send a cheque for that amount to SCIAF this week so that the funds can be used immediately to provide the Humanitarian Aid needed at this time for those who are suffering the most from the present conflict.

Monsignor Pat McInally