



STELLA MARIS

Annual Review 2022



> **Supporting seafarers and fishers worldwide**
When war in Ukraine rocked the industry



➤ “The support provided by Stella Maris to Ukrainian seafarers and their families has been remarkable. We’re so grateful.”

Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski,
Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic church in London



Smoke rises after an attack by Russian forces in Odesa, Ukraine, April 2022

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> View from the bridge

The year war sent waves across the world

Less than two months into 2022, the shipping industry was rocked by the outbreak of war in Ukraine. One in seven of the world's seafarers are Russian or Ukrainian. There are 77,000 Ukrainian seafarers – and many of the globe's 55,000 vessels rely on Ukrainian workers.

From day one, Stella Maris was on the ground supporting seafarers and their families facing an unprecedented crisis. Today, our team are still in the port city of Odesa, Ukraine, doing everything possible to stand with those who need help.

The war in Ukraine formed a significant part of our work in 2022. We poured time, energy and funds into ensuring vital support for seafarers and their families affected by this conflict.

But our five strategic priorities mean we also supported seafarers of all nationalities, in different ways, right around the world.



The friend when one was needed.

Day in, day, out, we checked in with seafarers and responded to their needs.



Support in a crisis.

We supported seafarers, fishers and their families through bereavement, ship abandonment and medical emergencies.



Advocating for change.

Again and again, we championed the rights of seafarers around the world, speaking up for better welfare.



Faith on board.

Most seafarers have a Christian faith background, and many are Catholic. Supporting them spiritually was a vital part of our work.



Extending our reach.

Stella Maris is the largest ship visiting network in the world, but in 2022 we continued to grow in new areas.

As I move on from Stella Maris UK after 13 years at the helm and hand over to the next Chief Executive Officer, I would like to thank you for your support.

This is a remarkable and special ministry, and it's only possible thanks to the amazing generosity of supporters and shipping industry partners.

Thank you – and may you be blessed as you continue to serve the people of the sea.

Martin Foley CEO, Stella Maris UK

> Disembarking:

a look back
at 2022

Stella Maris: the world's largest ship visiting network

Based in **353**
ports in **57**
countries

136,884
seafarers
and fishers
helped
in the UK

6,222 ship
visits in
the UK

22 chaplains
and **79** ship
visiting
volunteers
in the UK



“I would like to thank you and especially Chaplain Nick who’s been so supportive and genuinely caring - he’s been a proper rock to me.” Fisher

“I am grateful for what you have done... I’ve never seen such kindness in relation to seafarers before.” Seafarer

More than **1.5 million** seafarers work across the world. Seafarers deliver **90%** of goods bought and sold in the UK. It can be a tough, long and lonely job.

166 grants disbursed through our Centenary Emergency Fund helping seafarers, fishers and their families

1,904 gifts provided to seafarers visiting UK ports

1,891 ships provided with phone / internet cards for seafarers in UK ports

£150,000 financial support provided to **300** Ukrainian seafarers' families in crisis



“ I don't know how to thank you... I'll always remember you and the great help you provided.” Seafarer

“ Thank you for the psychological online support provided to Ukrainians during this difficult period. I received help, and the tools to cope in case of problems in the future.” Seafarer

> **The friend** when
one was needed



Small acts of kindness can make a great difference. In 2022, day in, day out, our chaplains and volunteer ship visitors in the UK provided a friendly face and a listening ear. The impact of this ministry can never be under-estimated. Here are some examples:



Care for an injured seafarer

In January, a Ukrainian seafarer working on the deck of a cargo ship suddenly fell into the hold, and injured his back. It was a terrible accident – and he was rushed urgently to Hull Royal Infirmary. But with little English, and no family or friends nearby, it was a frightening time. That's when Anne McLaren, our chaplain in Hull, stepped in. For months, Anne visited, arranged translators, and brought clothes, toiletries and mobile phone cards so the seafarer could call home.



Vaccinations and last-minute dash for a phone

When the Federal Katsura arrived in Grangemouth port, Scotland, the captain asked for help to get his crew vaccinated against Covid-19. Our chaplain Deacon Joe O'Donnell made arrangements and took 21 seafarers into town. 2 hours before the ship was due to sail, the 2nd Officer dropped and smashed his mobile phone. We quickly took the seafarer to a phone shop to buy a replacement, so he could keep in touch with his family on the long passage ahead.



A window to the world

Some seafarers are still not allowed shore leave, due to ongoing concerns over Covid-19. So when a vessel arrived in Tilbury near London, our local port chaplain Wojciech Holub had to get creative to reach out with support. He wasn't allowed on board, nor was he permitted to meet the crew at the gangway. So the seafarers communicated with Wojciech through a window in the side of the ship – and he was able to provide them with phone cards, faith resources and chocolates that way.



Routine check-in saves crew

A routine visit by our team to 22 seafarers on a bulk carrier at Tees Dock took an unexpected turn when the crew opened up about their situation. It emerged that some men hadn't been allowed shore leave for 10 months – and their contracts had been extended. Contact with family was limited, and the men were exhausted and overworked. We immediately contacted the authorities, a vessel detention notice was served that day, and the crew stepped off the ship for the first time in months.



Prepped for Christmas

When our Southampton team realised the crew of a ship would be on a long passage to Australia over Christmas, they pulled out all the stops to make it special. Gregory Hogan, our chaplain, and Dominic, our ship visitor, had met with the Russian, Ukrainian and Filipino crew. After leaving the ship, they popped to town to buy a Christmas tree, decorations and a nativity set. They returned to the vessel with the festive supplies and phone cards to help the crew keep in touch with family.



Visiting the sick

Supporting seafarers in hospital is a key part of our chaplains' ministry. After a Polish seafarer suffered a heart attack, he was admitted to hospital in Ipswich, where he was visited by Julian Wong, our East Anglia regional port chaplain. Using a translation app, Julian prayed for the seafarer and gave him Holy Communion. Julian also liaised with the shipping agent to get the right healthcare paperwork in place, and bought the sick man a pair of slippers.

> Support in a crisis:

riding the storm with
Ukrainian seafarers



**On 24
February
2022, Russia
invaded
Ukraine – and
our small team in
Odesa, a major port
on the south coast of the
country, found themselves
at the heart of a humanitarian
crisis. This is their story...**

"We never saw it coming," says Stella Maris assistant port chaplain Rostik Inzhestoikov. "The war was not forecastable." Speaking via WhatsApp from Odesa, where there are ongoing missile strikes, drone attacks and power blackouts,



Rostik sounds tired. The stress of living in a warzone is taking its toll.

But Rostik is also upbeat – because looking back at 2022, there's no doubt he and port chaplain

Fr Alexander Smerechynskyy did everything possible to support Ukrainian seafarers and their families. Even amid the initial shock of the invasion, the pair remained in the city, continued working and wasted no time to provide urgent help.

They organised transport to take the wives and children of seafarers to the border of Ukraine for evacuation. They also liaised with our team in Poland as a Stella Maris centre there became home to 154 refugees over the course of the year.

In Odesa, Rostik and Fr Alex provided humanitarian aid to retired seafarers, set up a soup kitchen for families of seafarers, and ensured food was delivered to seafarers trapped on ships in the Black Sea.

They provided pastoral and spiritual support to Ukrainian seafarers worldwide through social media. The pair arranged for vital financial grants, provided through our Centenary Emergency Fund, to go to hundreds of seafarers' families. They even organised a summer retreat for 66 mothers and children.

All this, while grappling with their own hardship and fear.

"You are always alert, waiting for a missile or drone attack. You are never certain your family will be ok," said Rostik. "The biggest challenge during the winter were the power blackouts, because you still need to survive. For more than 15 hours a day, we had no electricity."

And it's clear their steadfast ministry has saved lives. "We've had hundreds of messages from grateful seafarers," said Rostik. "They appreciate not only the practical support but also our words. We've talked with seafarers who have been on the bridges of ships watching bombs fall on their home cities. They are so scared. But to talk with them, to be their friend... that counts."

Looking ahead, Rostik says Ukrainian seafarers face extreme financial pressure. Men aged 18-60 are not allowed to leave the country, so families which rely on a seafaring income are struggling. But, thanks to your donations, Stella Maris' support for them goes on.

You provided support to chaplains Fr Alexander Smerechynskyy (left) and Rostik Inzhestoikov (right), and ensured they were there for Ukrainian seafarers and their families during the war.



“To talk with seafarers, to be their friend... that counts. We are only strong enough to do this because of your support.”

“We don’t know what the war will bring next, but I do know one thing: we will continue our ministry,” said Rostik. “We are deeply grateful for support from the UK.”

“We are only strong enough to do this because of your prayers and support. Without you, it would not be the same.”

Rostik added: “Please pray, if you can, for peace and safety for all Ukrainians. And pray for us, because your prayers give us power to keep going in these hard times.”

In October we enabled the launch of psychological support services for Ukrainian seafarers and their families. Remote support from professional psychologists is now available to people struggling with their mental health because of the war.

Our chaplains in Glasgow and Edinburgh visited ships (re-commissioned cruise liners) housing hundreds of Ukrainian refugees in Glasgow and Leith ports. They arranged Masses on board for the crew which were also open to the refugees. They supported the crew and even managed to arrange a football match for them at Sir Alex Ferguson’s youth club Harmony Row. They also helped to secure employment for some former seafarers among the Ukrainian refugees in maritime companies locally.



5% of the world’s seafarers are Ukrainian



300 Ukrainian seafarers’ families received grants from us totalling £150,000



6,420 mobile phone SIM cards were given by us to seafarers affected by the war – to contact their loved ones back home



154 Ukrainian refugees were housed at our retreat centre in Poland

> Support in a crisis: around the world



Not only did Stella Maris provide crisis support in Ukraine in 2022, we also helped seafarers in urgent need right around the world. Our chaplains regularly helped in cases of bereavement and modern slavery – and we also saw soaring cases of abandonment.

More than 1,682 seafarers on 103 vessels were stranded, as 2022 became the worst year on record for seafarer abandonment, according to RightShip. This is one example:

During 2022, a crew of eight Indonesians were abandoned on a cargo ship (pictured above) in Kaohsiung port, Taiwan. They had no food, no money, and no means of returning home. Our chaplain, Fr Ansensius Guntur, provided vital help. He explained “I go shopping for the crew and bring them food. We are constantly communicating with the authorities to get the men home. There are many

meetings, and I hope the Indonesian office will pay the air fares.

“What is worrying is that the crew are getting depressed. Every day I speak to them and counsel them.”

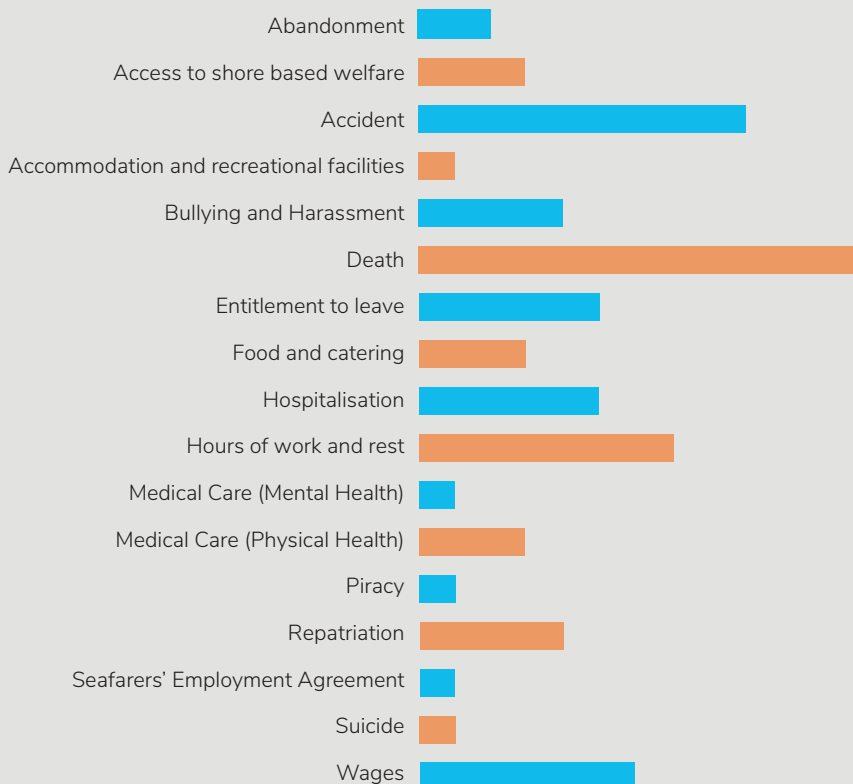
Tackling ship abandonment

In September, we convened a webinar to highlight the scourge of abandonment, bringing together senior figures from the shipping industry, the International Maritime Organization, church and civil society to consider how to reduce record levels of seafarer abandonment.

Our Chief Executive Officer Martin Foley said: “Let’s work together to reduce the record levels of abandonment, ensuring the safe passage home of seafarers affected, and prompt remuneration. Seafarers should not have to take responsibility for the negligence and mistakes of others.”



We saw a varied case load of issues of concern during 2022. The most common of these were deaths, accidents, excessive hours of work and non-payment of wages. In all these cases, we supported the seafarers, fishers and family members affected.



> Advocating for change



Advocacy is not just about speaking out for better welfare and care for seafarers at the policy level, it's also about supporting individual cases until seafarers get justice...

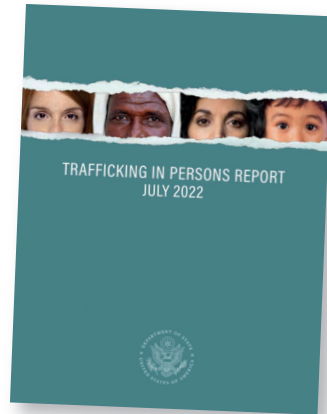
Abandoned fishing crew finally win compensation

It's taken two years – but a group of 32 Thai fishers who were abandoned while working in Somalia have finally received more than £200,000 in compensation.

The fishers were supported by Stella Maris right from the start, when they sent a desperate plea for help on social media. They had been on board for a year but had not been paid their full wages – and food was running out.

“They were in a terrible situation and had been left stranded,” said Stella Maris chaplain in Thailand Apinya Tajit, who received the distress call and responded. “They were wary at first but I was able to gain their trust.”

Apinya helped to repatriate the crew, secure funding for their flights and initiate legal proceedings for human



trafficking. She even helped to secure charitable funding to cover the men's legal expenses.

Apinya said, “We are delighted the men have won their case. We are still in contact with them and continue to provide pastoral and emotional support to them and their families.”



Stella Maris chaplain Apinya Tajit received a US Trafficking in Persons Report Hero Award in July for her work supporting trafficked fishers (pictured).

Speaking out on shore leave and modern slavery

In a media interview in February, our Chief Executive Officer Martin Foley called for the shipping industry to prioritise post-pandemic shore leave. “Priority should be given to shore leave for seafarers,” he said, “not only to improve their physical and mental health, but also to enhance the appeal for seafaring as a career.”



In September, we called for an immediate end to the practice of using transit visas to bring migrants to the UK to work on fishing vessels. These visas do not provide adequate protection of labour rights.

“Modern slavery isn’t just a problem happening ‘somewhere else,’” said Martin. “It’s on our doorstep. The government should act to ensure migrant workers in fishing are afforded the social and labour protections available to others working in the UK.”



Better, smarter advocacy

New advocacy lead

Stella Maris chaplain Peter Morgan (pictured right) has been appointed as the charity’s Advocacy Lead, taking up this new role in 2023. He said, “It’s about formalising our relationships with people like the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, and advocating centrally on core issues.”



Database to track injustice

Stella Maris is extending the use of its database internationally to record injustices and abuses at sea more comprehensively, including cases of abandonment, modern slavery and trafficking. The database is now being used by Stella Maris in Denmark, France, Germany, India, Kenya, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Thailand, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.

New welfare focus in Spain

Following positive discussions between Stella Maris Spain and the Spanish Maritime Authority, a Seafarers Welfare National Committee has been set up. This body does not have legal powers, but it has political influence and its establishment demonstrates that commitment to seafarers now extends to the state level. This will be used to address problems affecting seafarers and to promote legislation setting appropriate standards. This broader commitment to the wellbeing of seafarers will clearly benefit them going forwards.

 Areas of operation

Stella Maris is the world's largest ship visiting network, based in 353 ports in 57 countries. **Our extensive team of more than 1,000 chaplains and volunteers meant we could support seafarers, wherever they were in 2022.** Here are some examples:



USA: Supporting crew after death

In October, an accident with a ship's mooring line killed one of the crew. Our local chaplain blessed the ship, conducted a prayer and communion service, and talked with crew members. He helped arrange further ministry for the crew in the ship's next port of call in Canada. The ship returned to Charleston in November and he visited the ship again bringing Christmas-at-Sea packages.



Brazil: Supporting a bereaved crew

In September, our team in Rio de Janeiro were called by a ship owner. He asked for spiritual support for the Filipino crew who were very upset following the death of their colleague on board. Our chaplain visited the ship, gave words of consolation, led a service for the deceased seafarer, blessed the body, led prayers, gave each seafarer a rosary, and blessed the entire ship. This was of great help to the grieving crew.



Spain: Supporting families of fishers lost at sea

Our team in Vigo supported the families of Spanish fishermen who died when the trawler Villa de Pitango tragically sank in rough seas off Newfoundland, Canada in February. There were only 3 survivors from the crew of 16 Spaniards, 5 Peruvians and 3 Ghanaians. Our team supported families of the deceased and attended the funerals.



Germany: A reunited family

A Ukrainian captain was reunited with his loved ones after 7 months apart. In March we met him in the UK when he was desperately trying to get his wife and daughter out of war-torn Ukraine. We secured beds for them at our refugee centre in Poland. Months later, his ship called in at Hamburg, Germany. They drove for 9 hours to be there. We arranged for the family to spend time together before the vessel departed.



Kenya: Helping abandoned crew in Mombasa

During 2022, our Mombasa port chaplain supported 16 desperate men who had been left in a perilous situation when their fishing vessel was abandoned by unscrupulous owners. We can now report that the crew have finally flown back to Vietnam to be with their families. Now under new owners, the ship has been re-fitted, re-crewed and re-named. We continue to visit it.



Mauritius: Supporting abandoned fishers

In December, a fishing vessel ran aground and was abandoned. The 20 crew members (1 Chinese, 14 Indonesians, 5 Filipinos) were rescued and housed at our Seafarers Center. Some have had no salary for over a year and no compensation is expected. Our team has been caring for them. Some of them have been repatriated, but 5 are still housed in our Centre.



India: Hospitalised seafarer supported in Chennai

In November, the 3rd Officer on a ship was injured while the vessel was in Ennore Port. He was treated for his injuries at a nearby hospital. Our local representative met him there, gave him access to the internet, helped him top up his phone and bought him food. After the seafarer was discharged from hospital and repatriated, our chaplain in Manila gave him further assistance there.

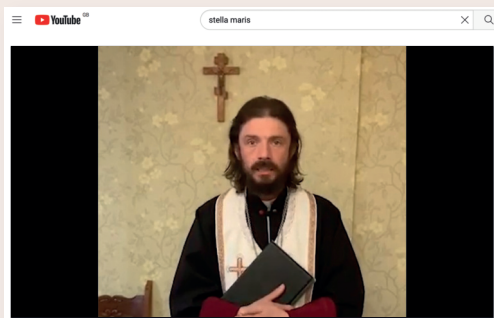


South Korea: Ship blessed after death

In December our chaplain in Incheon port, was asked to say a Requiem Mass on board a container ship – to support the crew. This was because the engineer had passed away in an accident and the other crew members were traumatised. So our chaplain Fr Paul Kim immediately visited the ship, celebrated a Mass, comforted the crew, and blessed the place of the accident and the place of death.



Spiritually supporting Ukrainian seafarers was a key focus for our chaplains during 2022. Our Odesa port chaplain Fr Alex took to YouTube to deliver weekly Gospel readings and reflections (screenshot below). They were watched hundreds of times, and helped sustain the faith of Ukrainian seafarers and their families during the early months of the war.



On Ash Wednesday, 2 March 2022, our Immingham regional port chaplain, Steve Willows, led a prayer session on Facebook. Supporters and colleagues from across the world came together in an online day of prayer for Ukraine.

Bringing 'church' on board

Despite the challenges of their hectic schedule, the crew of the UBC Chile were determined to attend Mass when they docked at Immingham port in August. But when reduced shore leave confined them to the vessel, the men called Stella Maris chaplains Bryony Watson and Steve Willows for help.

Our chaplains arranged for a local priest to visit the ship – and the crew transformed the bridge of the ship into a temporary 'church', complete with a bench for the altar (pictured above).

"It was particularly special as we've not been able to arrange a Mass on a ship for two years because of the pandemic," said Steve. "The crew told us how much they needed Mass, and afterwards said they felt uplifted and refreshed."





Special visits

Bishop Thomas Neylon, Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool, visited Stella Maris in Hull in May, and presented a Papal Blessing to long-time ship visiting volunteer Geoff Little (pictured above).



Archbishop John Wilson, of Southwark Archdiocese, made a pastoral visit to the port of Dover in October hosted by Stella Maris. He boarded a ship with us, met the captain and his crew, and blessed the seafarers (pictured above).

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30 Masses on board arranged by us in UK ports (more than double 2021's total)



2,774 Stella Maris faith magazines provided to seafarers by us (50% more than in 2021)



1,715 faith materials, including rosaries and prayer books, provided to seafarers by us in UK ports





**Needs among
seafarers are
growing – so
we're casting the
Stella Maris net
wider and wider
around the world.
In 2022, your support
helped extend our reach...**

Worldwide

In October we proudly hosted the 25th Stella Maris World Congress in Glasgow. We welcomed 180 Stella Maris delegates from more than 20 countries to the city where the charity was founded just over 100 years ago. During this conference, Stella Maris chaplains from all over the world discussed issues affecting seafarers and fishers worldwide. They shared experiences and best practice, learning from each other.

Europe, Africa and Asia

Thanks to a generous grant, we ran workshops in three continents to improve support for seafarers. Stella Maris chaplains from 16 countries were involved in the training, which was held in Rome in Italy, Durban in South Africa, and Manila in the Philippines.

Kenya

As part of our continued programme of support, we invested significantly in building the capacity of the Stella Maris Kenya national team. We saw growth from one port chaplain to three port chaplains, plus a national director. Volunteer numbers grew from three people to 26. We also saw expansion beyond Mombasa into the Lakes fishing region. 18,600 seafarers, fishers and their families benefited from our support, through a grant from The Seafarers' Charity.

South Africa

We helped the Stella Maris South Africa team to develop its fundraising and governance skills and to grow its capacity.

Namibia

We worked with the local church to build capacity and train a new team of chaplains. We are now awaiting recognition of Stella Maris Namibia by the Bishops' Conference of Namibia.

Tanzania

A feasibility study is underway to consider whether Stella Maris can launch there, hopefully on Sea Sunday 2023.



United Arab Emirates

The UAE sees a high level of ship abandonment. We have launched a feasibility study to consider the UAE as a base for Stella Maris.

Denmark

Stella Maris Nordic was incorporated into Caritas Denmark in November. The new partnership will support financial resources and grow this vital work.

India

A new Stella Maris office opened in Chennai in 2022. Further plans are taking shape for a seafarers' welfare centre.

Northern Ireland

We stepped up our work in Northern Ireland, by supporting fishers facing the loss of their livelihoods. When their certifications expired during the pandemic, some fishers could not afford to renew them. With financial support from the Vatican, we helped re-train and re-certify the fishers – and ensure they could continue to work after the restrictions were lifted.

Poland

For the first time, we housed refugees. When war broke out in Ukraine, we converted a retreat house in Kaszuby, Poland, into a refugee centre for the families of Ukrainian seafarers.

Celebrating our supporters

The Stella Maris community is full of kind, generous people who care about seafarers, fishers and their families. We are grateful for everyone who supports our work with time, money, energy and prayers. This is just a snapshot of your support for fishers and seafarers in 2022.



Many thanks to our faithful knitters who turned out hundreds of woolly hats for grateful seafarers and fishers.



Special thanks to our friends who took part in a day of pilgrimage and prayer to Holy Island in June to pray for fishers and seafarers.

Profound thanks to the hundreds of churches around the UK which took part in Sea Sunday in July. Together, these church congregations kindly donated around £400,000 to support our work with seafarers and fishers.



We remember Dr Sara Baxter, a great friend of Stella Maris, who died in the summer, aged 60. She had supported Stella Maris for 20 years and was an active ship visitor in the North East of England. She also served as our standard bearer.

Thanks to our local supporters in Glasgow who joined us to celebrate our centenary at the 25th Stella Maris World Congress held in the city in October. It was a joy to share this historic moment with them.



A special mention and thanks go to Mike Barile, our parish contact in Dundee. Not only did Mike lead the Sea Sunday appeal in his church, he also travelled to other churches to talk about Stella Maris. Mike has set up school visits, mobilised support from the Italian Association in Dundee and even secured famous footballers' shirts which were auctioned to raise funds for Stella Maris. In 2023, he will sail a leg of a sailing pilgrimage celebrating Stella Maris and arrange an area gathering for it in Dundee.

Sincere thanks to John Rutland, volunteer ship visitor in Sheerness, who stepped down after more than a decade of faithful service.



➤ Celebrating our volunteers



Across the UK, more than 70 amazing people gave up their time to visit ships during 2022. This community of dedicated Stella Maris volunteers made an enormous difference to the lives of seafarers and fishers. We caught up with Hugh and Mary Ward, volunteer ship visitors in Tees Port...

Q: When did you become volunteer ship visitors with Stella Maris – and why?

Hugh: Around 10 years ago I'd just retired from the police force and needed something to do. As a young man, I had worked in ship building, so the shipping industry has always interested me. I knew about Stella Maris from the Sea Sunday appeals in our parish church – and Peter Barrigan (who's now our chaplain in Tees Port) supported me into the role.

Mary: After Hugh started ship visiting, I became a lonely widow woman since he was always out! I thought, this is no good. So Peter invited me to join too. I used to work as an accountant for a shipping company in Newcastle, so I was quite involved in the shipping industry.

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Q: What does a normal week look like when you're ship visiting?

Mary: We volunteer at Tees Port and a small port called Seaham in County Durham. We mostly go together. Our family don't live round here so we are free all the time – and probably about four days a week we are visiting seafarers.

Q: There aren't many couples who visit ships. What's it like?

Hugh: Volunteering as a couple means our conversations with seafarers are quite family-focused, which is lovely. We always ask about their families back home, and we tell them about ours.

Mary: I often get called Mama. I'm 75 with grey and white hair, so many seafarers see me as a mother figure – or like their grandmother. A couple of Ukrainian seafarers asked me to give them a hug recently because they needed one.

Q: You give so much time to this ministry. What keeps you going?

Mary: It keeps us fit and active, it's a joy to talk to people and hear about their lives, but most of all, it's so fulfilling. We live about 40 minutes from Tees Port and, every time, when we drive home we are smiling and happy. We just hope we give something back to seafarers too.

Hugh: We get such a lift from ship-visiting. It seems it should be the other way round. But knowing we have been accepted by people, welcomed into their home (on board) and meeting people from all over the world, it's lovely. Even if there's a language barrier with people, you can always laugh.

Could you be a volunteer ship visitor or parish contact for Stella Maris?

We are seeking new ship visitors and parish contacts. If you're interested, please talk to us about the roles.

Please call **0207 901 1931** or email **info@stellamarismail.org**

> Funding this vital work

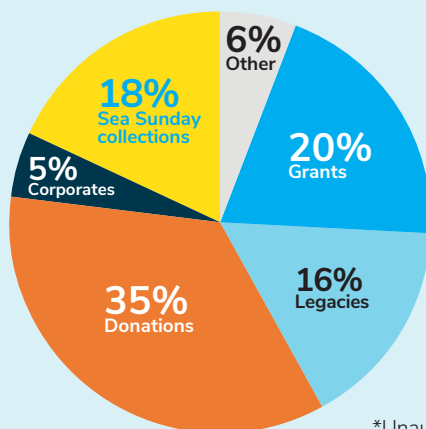
We're so grateful for the faithful generosity of Stella Maris supporters.

We receive grants from trusts, donations from companies in the maritime industry, collections by church congregations, legacies and gifts from individuals. These all support our chaplains to provide everyday care for seafarers and fishers in ports in the UK and around the world.

Our income*

Donations, grants, legacy gifts and other income received in 2022 amounted to £2,360,253. If you made a gift during the year, thank you for your kindness and care.

We remember with deep gratitude all those who kindly left a donation in their will to Stella Maris. Leaving a legacy gift is a special way to support seafarers and fishers into the future. Members of the Stella Maris community who passed away in 2022, including those who left a gift in their will, were remembered in a special memorial Mass, held in Northern Ireland, in November.



*Unaudited figures

With special thanks to our corporate supporters in 2022...

- AB Ports Ipswich
- Arklow Shipping
- Avenir
- Britannia P&I
- Capheaton Consulting
- DNK
- GEFO
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Deepest gratitude to our trust and foundation supporters during 2022, including...

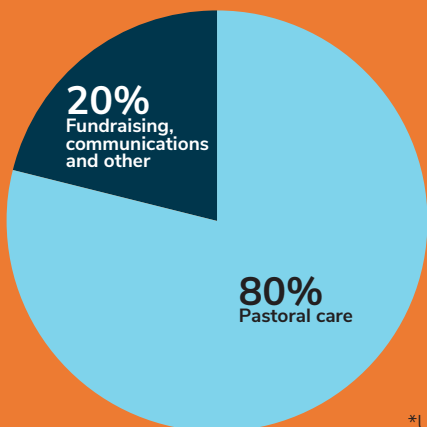
- Baltic Exchange Charitable Foundation
- Merchant Navy Welfare Board

- Milford Haven Community Fund
- Porticus
- The Jerusalem Trust
- The Seafarers' Charity
- The Trinity House Maritime Charity
- TK Foundation
- The Vodafone Community Foundation

Our expenditure*

We used our resources wisely and carefully to have the greatest impact on the wellbeing of seafarers and fishers. As well as supporting 22 chaplains covering 94 ports around the UK, we provided significant support to our team in Ukraine in 2022.

We provided financial grants to seafarers and fishers in need across the world and supported the development of Stella Maris in several countries including Kenya and South Africa. We coordinated global emergency responses from the UK to ensure seafarers in crisis received the help they needed.



*Unaudited figures



I give thanks to Almighty God for the witness of faith and countless acts of kindness and charity shown by so many chaplains and volunteers over the past century to those who toil on our seas and waterways.

Pope Francis, speaking about Stella Maris and its Centenary.

> On the horizon:



Looking ahead, we welcome incoming Chief Executive Officer Tim Hill MBE (pictured above) to Stella Maris.

Tim has served in the British Army for the last 35 years, including tours in Northern Ireland, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. His grounding in the Catholic faith comes from his late mother and his education at Worth Abbey School, and Tim is currently a member of St Augustine's parish, Tunbridge Wells.

Tim is a keen ocean yacht skipper and RYA instructor, with several transatlantic and Southern Ocean crossings under his belt. He was awarded the MBE in 1995. He joins Stella Maris on 1 June 2023.

In terms of our focus for 2023, supporting Ukrainian seafarers and their families continues to be a top priority, especially as economic hardship starts to bite. Meanwhile, we are also growing our mission in Northern Ireland, North East Scotland and North West England by recruiting new chaplains and volunteer ship visitors. We will also continue to support the capacity building of some overseas arms of Stella Maris.

Finally, we are excited about the launch of the Round Britain Sailing Pilgrimage celebrating 100+ years of Stella Maris. One of our supporters, Russ Fairman (pictured below), will be sailing more than 2,000 nautical miles around Britain, taking along other supporters as crew for different legs of the journey. He sets off from Southampton in April 2023 for 10 weeks of this marathon sail.



I'll support seafarers, fishers, their families in the UK, Ukraine and elsewhere in 2023.

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