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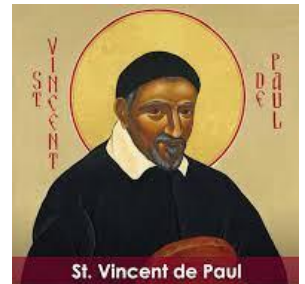
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Welcome

This latest issue of the SVP Towcester Bulletin includes details of the recent SVP mass, two updates from Grenada and a profile of one of our newest SVP members.

SVP MASS FOR THE FEAST OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (27-SEP-2023)

The latest mass organised by the SVP celebrated the Feast of St Vincent de Paul. The mass was well attended, Peter and Heather read beautifully and Fr James spoke in his inspiring way about the saint and his dedication to serving the poor. Our SVP conference in Towcester is thriving and the team again put on a great tea party with delicious sandwiches, shortbread, cakes and macaroons!



The next two SVP organised masses will be:

- Candlemas – 2pm on Friday 2nd February 2024 [in church]
- Retired Parishioners Healing Mass – 12pm on 6th April 2024 [Sawpits]

SVP IN ST. GERARD'S CHURCH, MOYAH IN GRENADA



Our parish supports the SVP in St Gerard's Church in Moyah on the Caribbean island of Grenada. The president of the Moyah SVP Conference, Maria Alexander has sent this report:

"Our conference has eleven active SVP members. We take an active part in the Sunday Mass and other church activities such as fundraisers. At present we have twelve clients who we visit and pray with. We also provide them with some groceries, toiletries and sometimes a hot lunch. The group is grateful and appreciative for the funds that are sent to us [from St Thomas More, Towcester] because it helps us to achieve our objective which is looking

after the poor, needy and less fortunate. Many thanks to your SVP conference. God bless"

WHAT ELSE CAN THE SVP DO?

Apart from befriending and visiting parishioners we can also offer practical help. The SVP has funds to help people buy things they need but can't afford. We were recently able to help a young family by buying them a new tumble dryer after their old one caught fire. Thankfully, we were able to buy a new and much more energy efficient kind.



If you know someone in need, ask them if they mind you asking us to contact them to see if we can help, or alternatively give them a contact cards in the church porch, our mobile number 07517 613487 or email TowcesterSVP@gmail.com

SUPPORT FOR MINI-VINNIES IN GRENADA

Mini-Vinnies are young members of the SVP who undertake voluntary work within their parish. The donations remaining from our Polokong collections have been reallocated to St Joseph's school in Grenada to help them set up a second Mini-Vinnies group. More news next month.



WHY I JOINED THE SVP – MICHAEL EMERY



Michael, who recently joined the Towcester SVP Conference, gives an insight into why he joined: I decided to join the St Thomas Moore SVP group after listening to a sermon from Father James which encouraged Christian action to back up our faith.

I have been a Catholic from birth and I have tried to have Christ at the Centre of my life. The demands of running a business for 30 years and at the same time raising a family had left me wanting to offer something more as part of my faith journey.

The SVP is a caring Catholic organization offering practical support to those in need and for me it is the perfect organization to join to work with the other members of the local group in providing that support.

WHEELCHAIR – Going free to a good home. If you are interested please contact Chris Nash via the SVP mobile 07517 613487

SVP DONATIONS are always welcome. You can donate by putting money in the tea and biscuits bowl after Mass, cash in an envelope given to Fr James or any SVP member, or by bank transfer.

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