



## St Vincent de Paul Society St Teresa's, Princes Risborough

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### Quarterly Newsletter

In this Year of Mercy, we are called upon to try to *"live out in our daily lives the mercy which God constantly extends to all of us."*

#### **Feed the hungry**

This was the liturgy theme for the weekend 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> June. Thanks to everyone who donated food to the special collection. It was all taken up to Saunderton Lodge, where the residents were overwhelmed by your generosity!



#### **Visit the sick**

This is the liturgy theme for July. Over the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> July there will be special masses for the sick of the parish, and the SVP will be helping to bring some of our more poorly parishioners to St Teresa's for blessing and anointing.

If you know someone in the parish who might like to be visited by the SVP, please let us know. We are always ready for a chat, and we will happily make the tea!

The SVP is also actively engaged in weekly Tesco FareShare collections for Saunderton Lodge. Food that is nearing its 'sell-by' date is packaged up and taken to Saunderton Lodge by a member of our SVP conference every Wednesday evening. This gives the families at Saunderton Lodge regular access to fresh fruit and vegetables, and also fresh bakery goods... a little treat now and then is good for you!



Up to 33 families stay at Saunderton Lodge any one time – just think how many we could help if we all adopted a habit of popping some inexpensive own-brand beans, pasta or other small staple in the Saunderton Lodge basket once a week. Together, we have the potential to make a meaningful difference.

#### **Join the SVP!**

In an ideal world, perhaps we wouldn't need the SVP. However, we live in an age when time is our most valuable commodity; and our most precious gift. If you can spare even one hour a month, we'd love you to join us ([sarah@kryfos.net](mailto:sarah@kryfos.net), 01494 257178).

#### **Shelter the homeless**

We are fortunate to live in a parish where homelessness is an infrequent problem. However, in the wider District, there are areas of real challenge and material poverty... for example, some parts of Slough, High Wycombe and Aylesbury. The St Teresa's conference has been liaising with the SVP District President in an attempt to initiate District-wide efforts to help the homeless in those areas over the coming winter.

#### **Summer Garden Party**

The St Teresa's SVP is holding our annual garden party on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July. We hope that many of our wonderful older parishioners will attend.

#### **Our twinnage sites**

You might be unaware that we are twinned with three SVP conferences in India. We send regular donations to these conferences.



The money we send them is spent on items such as blankets, shoes and – of course – food. In the absence of a generous state welfare system, this has the potential to stave off starvation. Literally, feeding the hungry.

We in the SVP would like to thank you for your support – past, present and future – which enables us to continue to support people in need in our area, in our country, and in faraway places too.