



SVP Bulletin

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INTRODUCTION The SVP Bulletin provides the latest news of the work of the SVP and others in Towcester and the surrounding villages.

SVP CANDLEMAS MASS AND AFTERNOON TEA



The latest Mass organised by the SVP on 2nd February 2024 celebrated Candlemas. The Mass was well attended and as part of the service Fr James blessed all the candles to be used in church in the forthcoming year. Each member of the congregation was given their own personal candle to take home which was also blessed as part of the service.



Following Mass, afternoon tea was held in the Lombard Room with a delicious selection of savouries, shortbread and cakes.

SCHOOLS OUTREACH IN TOWCESTER **SVP and "CHURCHES TOGETHER" ACTIVITIES**

In the past, the SVP has been able to help families through our local schools. As we have not had any requests for some time we are reaching out to the schools in Towcester and reminding them that we can help.

But it's not just the SVP that's reaching out, it's the wider Church. Churches Together in Towcester has recently started bringing cakes into Sponne to share with staff and show our encouragement and support. After Easter, it's planned to extend this to the sixth form, and in the autumn to start a lunchtime "well-being café" for younger students. There is so much good we can do to support our schools.



If you feel in any way called to support schools and schoolchildren, whether it's baking a cake or spending time in school helping with something, do please speak with Fr James or Oliver Low.

RETIRED PARISHIONERS HEALING MASS

The next SVP mass and social event will be held shortly after Easter.

RETIRED PARISHIONER'S HEALING MASS (Followed by Lunch)

12pm Saturday 6th April 2024

at the Sawpits Centre

If you would like to attend, please let one of the SVP members know.

SUPPORT FOR MINI-VINNIES IN GRENADA

The Mini-Vinnies are young members of the SVP who undertake voluntary work within their parish. Our donations have enabled the SVP in Grenada to set up a second group at St Joseph's school.

The next possibility we are exploring is to put our Mini-Vinnies in Thomas Becket School in Northampton in touch with the group in Grenada so that they can share each other's experiences. We'll keep you posted on progress.



KNOW SOMEONE IN NEED?



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 card from the church porch, our mobile number 07517 613487 or email TowcesterSVP@gmail.com

Towcester Foodbank is always looking for food donations. Please place any items in our church collection box or in any of the supermarket collection points. Thank you.



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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