



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul Scotland

Dear Parishioners of St James's and St Columba's Renfrew,

I wanted to write this letter to you, and your families to provide an update on the good work that has been carried out by the St James's and St Columba's St Vincent's de Paul Conference. I would like to also thank you for your generosity to date as well as your continued ongoing support, we could not continue to serve, without your support and it is greatly appreciated.

It is a humbling opportunity to serve you as the new president of the St Vincent's de Paul conference here in St James's and St Columba's. As Vincentian brothers and sisters we are called to serve in hope and to seek to live our faith loving and committing ourselves to our neighbours in need.

It has been a busy year so far, as we continue to serve those that need our help the most, especially in these tough times and over the winter and Christmas period. We continue to support those who need food parcel assistance between 12:30pm and 1pm on a Sunday. We have recently supported our two schools Trinity High School and St James's Primary School with financial donations to help them support those in need within their own school communities.

The SVDP group carried out visits to the sick and lonely over the summer months and we plan to do this again in January 2024. The conference through the SSVP Twinning scheme support three conferences and through the national twinning officer we are in the process of contacting them:

- Our Lady of Lourdes, Vadakkal, Alleppey (India)
- St Sebastian (L) Thuruthikad, Tijayapuram (India)
- Regina Pacis, Northern Natal (South Africa)

The SDVP is here to help, if you or anyone you know needs practical support or assistance to get in touch (with their prior permission) or put a note in the SVDP box. Also, the SVDP is looking for new members if you want further information please speak to a member at the back of the church or put a note in the SVDP box with details.

If you would like to donate to support our work, please see details below:

Name of Account: SSVP PA01 012  
Sort Code: 80-18-44  
Account no: 00271066

We at the SVDP pray that you have a happy and peaceful Christmas break and a joyful new year when the time comes.

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