



The Young Vincentians Team
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(England & Wales)

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“Prayer ... is the daily manna which comes down from heaven ... Like a gentle dew every morning moistens your soul by the grace which it draws down from God.” St Vincent de Paul

Dear RE Adviser

Happy Summer Holidays!

We hope you and your families are keeping safe and well. We just wanted to write and provide you with a quick update on how the Young Vincentians Team is planning to support young people as we continue to come back from the current crisis.

Charity Is Adapting

These have indeed been interesting times and our hearts go out to those who have been badly affected by COVID-19. However, we recognise that our work will now be needed more than ever and, with understanding, are fully ready to meet the growing need within local communities. We also recognise that for many this current crisis will make it more challenging to carry out acts of charity; we trust that God will help us with this. We implore you to get your schools and groups of young people to look outwardly, showing others that the Church is still here and fighting for them. Via our microsite we will be providing workshops and resources that will help you get much needed support out to those in need. If you need a place to start, try our “How to Put a Food Parcel Together” resource [here](#). Our other Microsites also contain useful information and can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Summer Challenges/Resources

To keep young people busy over the summer period we have created a Summer gardening fundraising competition and a summer reading challenge. We have an area outside our St Vincent’s Support Centre in Bradford, which has wonderful potential to become a peaceful and prayerful space for local residents. If you know any young people who would like to help us design a “calm zone” for this garden then please forward this link [here](#) to them. If you have any book lovers that would be interested in a reading challenge then we also have a resource [here](#) and [here](#) for them and lots of prizes. Young people do not need to be part of one of our youth apostolates officially to take part in these challenges. Please look out for our posts on social media throughout the summer period. You can keep up to date with everything via our Instagram page [svpyoungvincentians](#).

Young Vincentians Masses 2021

We have just provisionally booked two celebratory Masses for next year, one for all our Mini Vinnies groups across England and Wales and for our Vincentian coordinators, Headteachers and friends and colleagues of



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the SVP and one for our Youth SVP/B-Attitude members. The Mini Vinnies Mass will be held on Tuesday 8th June 2021 at 2.30 pm in Westminster Cathedral and the Youth SVP/B-Attitude Mass will be celebrated Wednesday 10th March 2021 at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark. Please add to your diary and circulate as necessary and more information to follow in the Autumn.

Keeping in Touch

We very much look forward to working with you going forward and would be very happy to attend virtual events or face to face events in time to explain further about our work and our roles.

We are taking the opportunity over the summer months to update our list of contacts, and would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete this short survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/W5SFK2B>

In the meantime, please get in contact with the Young Vincentians Programme Manager moirad@svp.org.uk if you require further details at this stage about any of our programmes or activities or would like us to give a presentation about Young Vincentians.

Let's Pray!

The crisis has emphasised for many the importance of prayer. We have been deeply struck by the power of prayer and its fundamentality in life, so please be assured of our prayers for you and the associated power behind those.

Have a restful, summer break. Keep safe and well.

Many blessings,

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