

## **St Josephs RC Church St Vincent De Paul Society New Malden Conference 2023-2024 Summary**

- The conference has 12 full members. 3 members are unable to visit clients. 3 members are retired, 9 are working. We had 3 new members join this year who are making a huge difference in our parish.
- 2023-2024 our conference supported 39 people in the parish for over 800 hours.
  - The SVP ran the warm welcome on a Friday from 11.00-14.00, November to February serving tea, coffee, biscuits and a hot lunch of homemade soup and bread. We regularly had between 15-20 people attending.
  - The SVP has given out 120 food bank vouchers and over £600 in vouchers for food from supermarkets to support our parishioners.
  - The SVP has visited more than 100 times our lonely, isolated, disabled and elderly parishioners befriending and supporting them. We have supported with housing issues, providing advice and helping to fill in forms, we have supporting learning disabled and provided digital support to use technology to improve lives. We visit care homes, hospitals and people in their homes.
  - The SVP have provided electrical , furniture and bedding to those in need.
  - Our clients look forward to visits, feel connected by be-friending and supported through the practical help we provide.

The SVP in New Malden welcome more members, anyone help on an ad hoc basis from any parishioners who have skills or time to share. We meet monthly in a spirit of simplicity, humility and faith to provide friendship to those who are forgotten and bring Gods love to the suffering and deprived.