

St Vincent de Paul St Serfs Conference Christmas Message 2021.

This has been another tough year for all of us in dealing with Covid – 19 with lockdowns and curtailment of our normal routine. Being isolated from family and friends and our church community along with illness, bereavement, lack of social activities and being unable to visit sick relatives & friends to pay respects in the ways we are used too has taken its toll on us all.

Despite all of these challenges due to your continued generosity throughout the year we have been able to provide assistance to those in need in our community despite an obvious reduction in funds due to the low numbers attending at Masses this year.

This Christmas we have have been able to help 40 of our most in need families by providing them with £60 each of grocery vouchers which they will be able to use to buy food over the Christmas holidays in addition many little children in our homeless units will receive a gift of toys plus a selection box that they can open on Christmas Day that they might otherwise not have had. In addition we have been able to provide financial assistance to Deacon John Nevans in his work at Shotts prison.

We are of course accepting donations of toys for children which will be distributed through our primary schools to those in most need. You can hand in any donations when coming to church our last day for acceptance of gifts will be Sunday the 19th of December. This is of course is only possible through your great generosity throughout the year despite all of your difficulties at this trying time.

We here at St Serfs conference thank each and everyone of you for bringing some cheer and happiness to our needy families during this year and at this Christmas time and we wish you all many blessings and best wishes for a better 2022. We look forward to your continued support throughout the coming year.

Regards

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