

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is an international organisation in which volunteers offer their time and friendship to people and various causes.

In Our Lady’s parish, our SVP group visits and befriends parishioners who might like some company, some of whom may be sick.

Each year, we make roughly a **thousand** visits, in addition to hosting SVP events in the parish and we:

* Arrange a mass and blessing for the sick of our parish.
* Host a summer and a winter party for as many of those whom we visit who are able to attend.
* Arrange a visit to Aylesford Priory for our SVP parishioners who might like to attend and are able to travel.
* Donate funds to our sister SVP conference located in Uttar Pradesh, India.
* Donate funds to disaster relief, if we are able and when needed.
* Sponsor one or two youngsters to attend the St John Bosco Summer Camp.

**2024 - 25**

In the past year we have continued to befriend and visit parishioners who invite us into their homes, on a weekly basis, typically on Tuesday evenings.

We also:

* hosted a summer party and a winter party for about 40 parishioners.
* undertook a pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory for a few parishioners who were able to make the journey.
* spent well over a thousand hours on visits, phone calls and taking Holy Communion to parishioners who couldn’t get to church.

**Further information and contact details can be obtained on the parish website or from the parish office.**