

# **ST JOSEPH'S PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

## **Pastoral Activity Group**

**Chair: Janet Bridden**

Herewith, my report for Period ended 31st August 2012 covering the activities of the following Working Groups:

St Vincent de Paul Group  
Ministry for the Disabled

### **Volunteers:**

- SVP Group currently have 9 full members (all female) of whom 8 are active We recently welcomed another person to our auxiliary membership so we now have 6 auxiliary members (4 female and 2 male). We also have a rota of drivers of which numbers vary according to need and currently stands at approximately 5.
- We need to recruit younger members as well as male members. There has been talk in the past about starting a Youth SVP but nothing definite has ever emerged.
- SVP Awareness month is in September which is when we have normally tried to not only fundraise but raise awareness of the group and thus try to attract new volunteers.

### **Special Events**

#### During the past period

- SVP Jubilee Tea Party in June. Attended by approximately 50 people - those we visit, friends of the SVP, auxiliary members, drivers and clergy.
- Talk on 'Dementia' from one of our Parishioners, who runs courses on helping families and Nursing Homes deal with this difficult illness.

#### Forthcoming Events

- SVP Coffee mornings planned for 25th September and 6th November.
- SVP District Festival meeting at St Joseph's on Friday, 19th October.
- Fundraising 'Table'top' sale scheduled for Saturday, 27th October.
- Panto visit to 'Wycombe Swan' for those we visit, to see 'Snow White' booked for Tuesday, 11th December.

**Janet Bridden**  
**Activity group Chair**