

## **Our Lady's & St. Joseph's AGM 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

### **Agenda item 10 (iii)**

#### **Our Lady's SVP**

The Group met in September and decided that we no longer wished to be part of the national St Vincent de Paul Society. This decision was not taken lightly as there has been a group in the parish since Our Lady's was built.

The Group will continue to keep minutes of our meetings and any monies received and given out will be recorded. We are also in the process of finding a new name for ourselves.

This decision was reported to and endorsed by the PPC at its meeting of 16 January 2019. It was suggested that the Group call itself Our Lady's SVP so that people know who we are.

The work of the Group continues, and Our Lady's SVP responded to a number of requests during the year:

- The school was given £600 from the £1300 received from the appeal in December. The school is not now restricted (as formerly) to maximum funding allocation of £100, so it is possible to use discretion according to families' needs. Recently a further £215 was given to families in need together with food vouchers.
- A woman was allocated funding of up to £150 for hospital visits possibly for 3 weeks.
- A donated turkey was given to a family who were unable to have one this year.
- The response to the food appeal at Christmas was excellent and at least 6 bags are still taken to Gateway every Monday.

Training for dealing with food bank vouchers was delayed due management change but is expected to start shortly.

**Kath Lyall**