



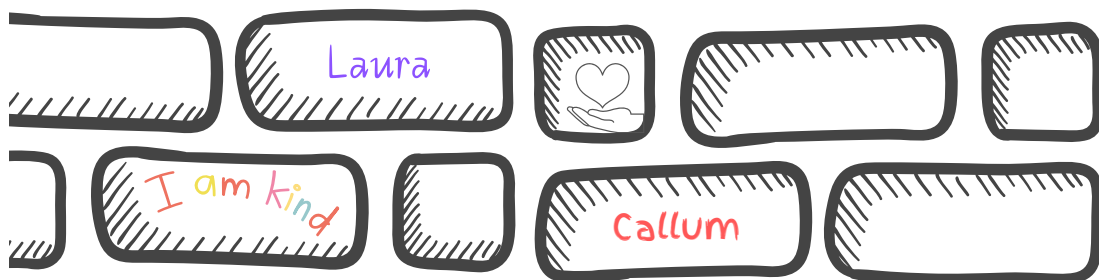
# World Youth Sunday

## Included in this resource:

- Suggested draft email for the parish priest.
- A short reflection and call to action to be shared by children during the notices.
- A short activity that parishioners can engage with after Mass.
- Bricks to print and cut out

The end of the speech invites parishioners to write their name and a small act of kindness onto a brick. A printable page of blank bricks can be found in this document. They are then invited to add their brick to a "wall." The bricks could be stuck to a wall with blue tack or pinned to a display board (or even just laid down on a table).

It may be a good idea to run a cake sale (or something similar) alongside the activity as an opportunity to fundraise. If you are interested in doing that, please talk to your local parish SVP conference and tell them you'd like to raise money for the national fund. They may have some other ideas or ongoing projects they could also suggest. The QR code to donate can also be found in this document.



## Suggested draft email to be sent to the parish priest

Dear Fr. [Last Name],

I hope this email finds you well. My name is [Your Name], and I am part of the SVP Mini Vinnies in [Your Location].

I am reaching out to see if it would be possible for myself and members of my group to speak at Masses in your parish over the weekend of Christ the King. I would love to share how our group is living out our faith, with a special focus on the role of the SVP Mini Vinnies.

If this was a possibility, we would be delighted to celebrate with you in this way.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

With kind regards,

**If you are struggling or require help or support, please contact [request@svp.org.uk](mailto:request@svp.org.uk)**



# World Youth Sunday

Today is World Youth Sunday, and as young people we have been invited to think about how we can share our faith with others, particularly on the theme of "Let Your Kingdom Come."

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Every week in Mass, and other times in our personal prayer, we say the Our Father, and we say the words "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven." God wants us to build His Kingdom here on earth through prayer, but mostly through our actions. One way in which we can serve others is by providing practical help to those in need.

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The St Vincent De Paul Society was started by a young student, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, who walked through the poorest streets of his community on his way to university lectures each day. The poverty he came across inspired him to be the change and make a difference to those around him in need. Today, the SVP works in communities around the world to continue his great work. Our members range from our youngest Mini Vinnies in primary schools, our Youth SVP in secondary schools and parishes, our SVPI833 group for young adults, and our adult conferences.

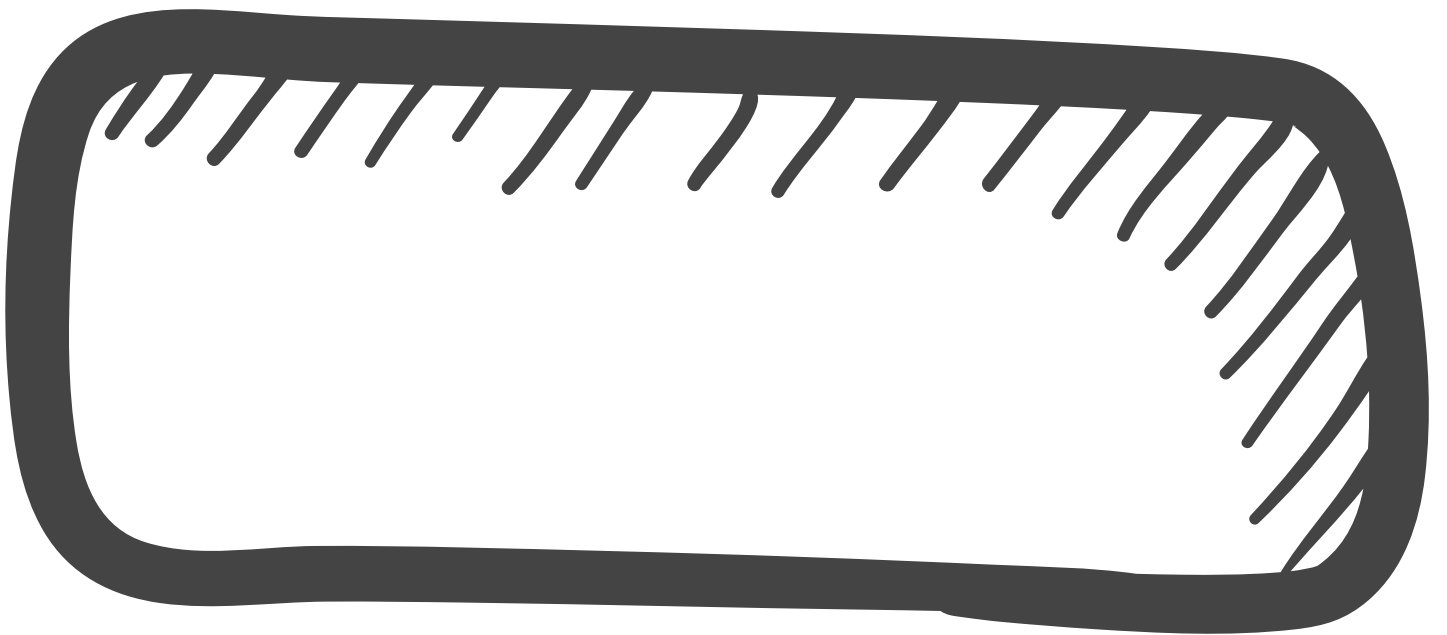
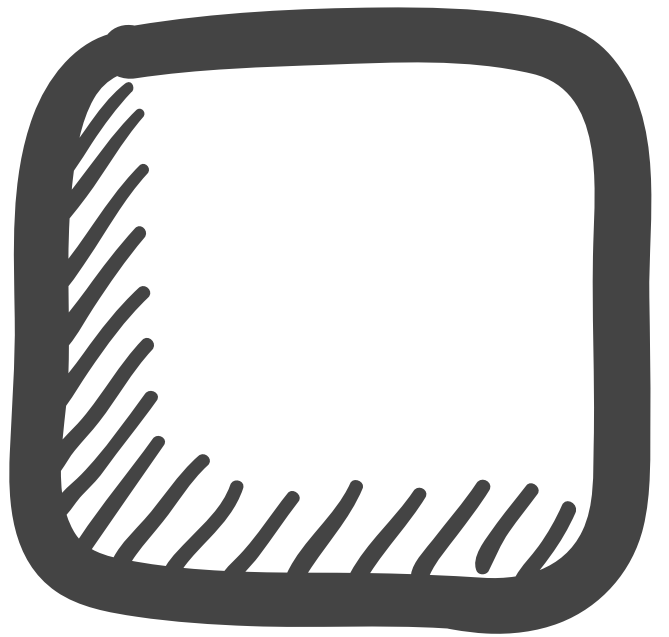
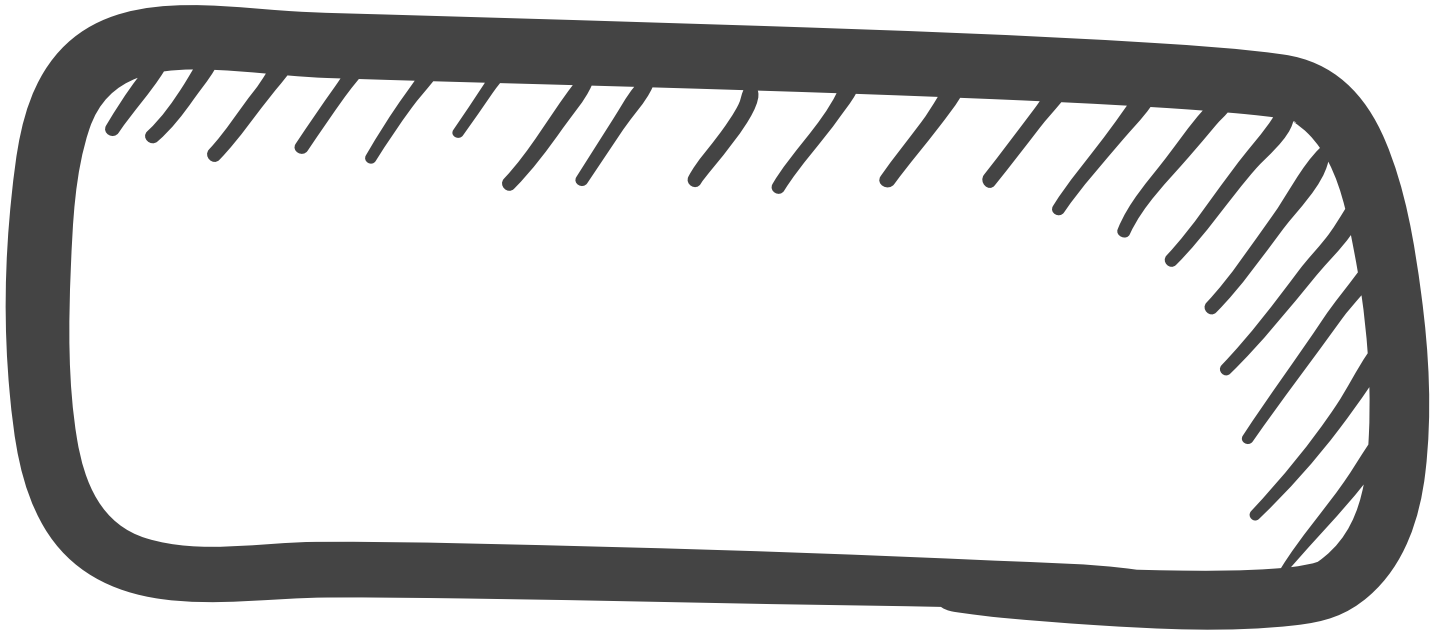
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St Vincent de Paul said "Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another." We'd like to challenge you to think about how you put your faith into action to build God's Kingdom. There are some paper bricks and pens at the back, and we'd like to invite you after Mass to write your name on one side and a small act of kindness that you will do this week on the other side. You can then add it to our display. We also have our Mini Vinnies Reverse Advent Calendar to share with you to join in with our mission.

Thank you for listening and Happy World Youth Sunday!

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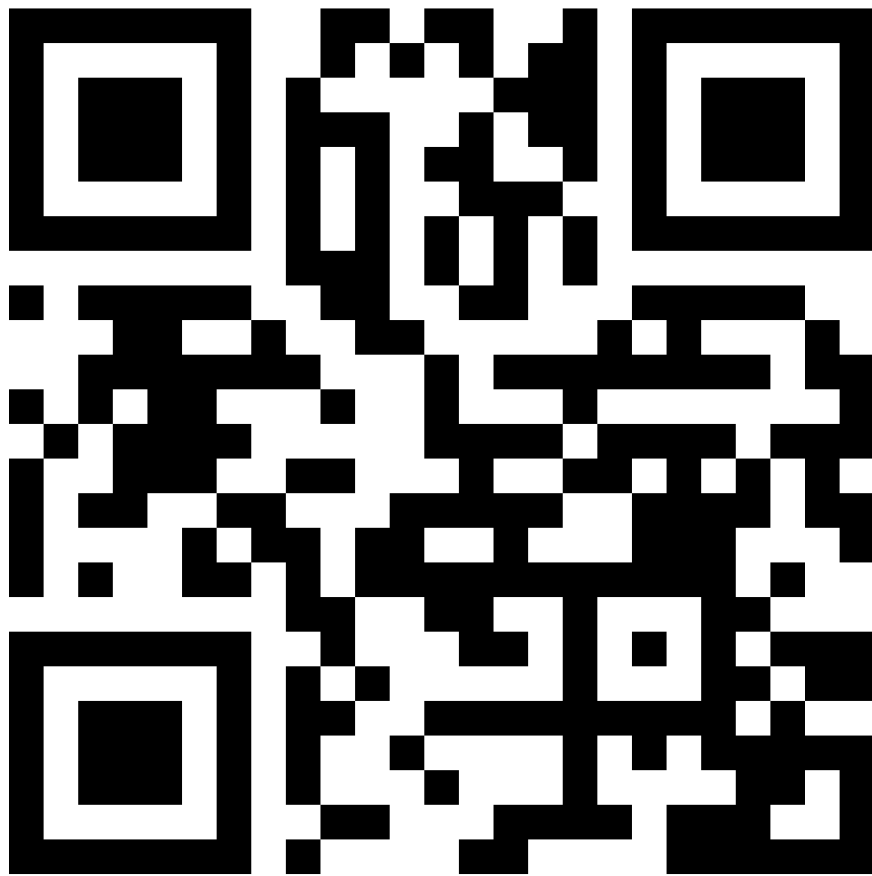
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