

COVID 19 (Coronavirus) is a very real threat which is causing many organisations many difficulties. It is also a developing situation which means constant change. I believe this information is correct at the time of going live.
Fr. Adrian Tuckwell.

St. Cuthbert's Care has to concentrate its efforts on its residential services. All PACE groups are suspended.

The Mercy Hub continues to run school holiday programmes, providing food and activities to families who can benefit from the service. We will also shortly be reopening our drop-in for homeless people. If you would like to volunteer with either of these projects, please contact Jeremy Cain on jeremy.cain@themercuryhub.org.uk or 07904 881430.

SVP St. Vincent's Support Centre, Newcastle – Volunteers & Donations Needed

SVP Support Centre next door to St. Dominic's Church on Newbridge Street NE1 2TQ

Our support Centre is open Monday to Friday 9.00am till 4.00pm. We provide a range of support from helping with Vinnies free hot meal service, food parcels, clothing, toiletries and small household items. The Centre also has a small Vintage Charity Boutique shop, which helps to raise much needed funds to support our vital work. Donations of Food, clothing, handbags, shoes, toiletries, accessories and other small household items are always needed. You can contact them on 0191 261 6027.

The Diocesan Justice and Peace Refugee Project is now re-open and operating from St. Vincent's Support Centre, New Bridge Street, Newcastle NE1 2TQ. We are hugely grateful to the parishes and individuals who continue to support this work both with food and financial contributions. You are making a positive difference to the lives of hundreds of people as a result.

We continue to find it difficult to meet the demand for food from donations and are purchasing additional items weekly. Anything further that can be done to assist with parish collections would be very much appreciated. The list of items we are currently collecting is available on our [Justice & Peace Refugee Project page](#).

Perhaps this could be a timely reminder to those who have set up a standing order and may not have increased your donations over the years to do so now. If you have not been able to donate yet you may do so by Bank transfer to our new bank account is: DHN, Justice & Peace Refugee Project sort code 40-34-18, account number 52854058.

The volunteers and management committee are truly grateful for your continued and generous support.

Good news. Many of our parishioners are generously offering their time and energy to help our more vulnerable parishioners. Parishes should compile a list of these offers of help and could then link them, with permission, to those in community who are in need.

Some of our parishes have Outreach groups, SVP, Legion of Mary and other such offering help.

COVID Mutual Aid groups are springing up all across the country. These are people who want to do all they can to support their own local communities. There are many of the across the Diocese and they seem to have many volunteers willing to help out. They can be found by using the search facility at www.covidmutualaid.org. Most of the individual groups use Facebook, so you would need to be signed up to this to gain access to the group. They are happy to receive offers of help and to help out people in need.

If you have any updates on things happening locally please contact Fr. Adrian Tuckwell on evcaritas@diocesehn.org.uk