

SVP Beckenham Hosted their 2025 Christmas Lunch



The SVP Team



Some of the Kitchen Team



Teamwork ensures success



Mini Vinnies from St Mary's



Cellists in Action



Attendees enjoying lunch



Another section of attendees



Kitchen Team in action

Another highlight of 2025 for our local St Vincent de Paul group (SVP) was the annual Christmas lunch held for parishioners on December 15th, 2025, in a beautifully decorated hall. We had 68 people in attendance who were welcome into the hall with Christmas music in the background by a quartet of cellists led by Richard. At other times during the lunch, we had background music by our pianist, Rose.

Attendees sat down to a 3-course lunch that was cooked from scratch by our fantastic kitchen team led by Dierdre. On offer were vegetable soup, bread roll and butter for

starter, followed by the **main course** of turkey or vegan veggie roast, pigs in blankets, roast potatoes, roast parsnips, Brussels sprouts, carrot sticks, red cabbage, gravy, and cranberry sauce. Options for **dessert** were Christmas pudding with custard or fruit salad. Towards the end mince pies and chocolate brownies were served. Ensuring that all dietary requirements were met was no mean task, and this was carefully executed by our kitchen team! To accompany all the food were an assortment of drinks – wines and non-alcoholic drinks.

To crown it all, 'Mini Vinnies' (young SVP members) from St Mary's Primary School sang Christmas carols and gave out handmade cards to all attendees.

And....., not to forget other SVP members who were on hand on the day – Ben, Ian, Fiona, Pauline, Helena, John, and Rosemary.

Pictures can never capture the wonderful atmosphere on the day, but we have tried to put together a collage of photos that sums up what went on.