

## **SERVING SPOONS REPORT MARCH 2020**

Pope Francis's exhortation that "you pray for the hungry and then you feed them", has been our mantra for Serving Spoons since we started in 2018. Our community has responded with enthusiasm and commitment over the two years Serving Spoons has been running.

We have continued to run a community lunch on the last Monday of each month, except that we had one in February and Covid interrupted from then on until July.

Before the Covid lockdown we were regularly getting about 70 people along each time. Since starting again we have had a slightly reduced number but expect that to build up gradually. We pack up leftover food into containers for people to take home and for wider distribution in the community

The success of this venture is dependent on the good will and hard work of our parishioners and we would like to acknowledge the following

### **Donations:**

- We have to thank the Rakich family, who through their business, donate all the fruit and vegetables for the luncheon. This is a marvellous help
- Fr Ron has often had a stall where he sells his vegetables and plants for parishioners' own gardens. This is not only caring for the world but raising money for us as well.
- Parishioners have kindly continued to put donations into the collection for Serving Spoons, and this helps with buying meat and staples like rice, flour, eggs, butter, oil etc.

### **Volunteers**

- Richard Ransfield who comes from Love Soup to oversee the operation in the kitchen each month is a wonderful chef and we really appreciate his input. Some very talented parishioners have been helping him with the cooking. It is very fortunate that as some people have needed to stop, others have come forward to take their place.
- We have had a great group of volunteers who month after month continue to advertise the event, organise the roster, prepare the food, set up the hall, do the dishes, clean up afterwards and transport people to the lunch.

This parish venture has been appreciated by many people, who come not only because they are in need of food, but also because they need companionship and it is great for them to be able to enjoy eating with some friends instead of on their own.

Our thanks to everyone who has contributed.  
Serving Spoons Committee