SVP 1833 WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY

Included in this resource:

- Suggested draft email for the Parish Priest.
- Suggested example of a Mass talk

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 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 young adult community of the St Vincent de Paul Society, SVP1833.

I am reaching out to see if it would be possible for myself to speak at Masses in your parish over the weekend of World Youth Sunday (Feast of Christ the King). World Youth Sunday is an international initiative celebrating the place of young people/adults in the life and mission of the Church.

I would love to share how I'm living out my faith, with a special focus on the role of SVP1833.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

With kind regards,
[Your Name]

Before Mass starts:

- Go into the sacristy and introduce yourself to the Priest who will offer Mass. Ask him at what point during Mass he would like you to speak.

- Check if an SVP poster is displayed somewhere in the porch or in the Church (if so, please point people to the information on it)

Before speaking read quietly the following short prayer:

Lord, please be with me today as I speak to the people of this parish. Let me be a good witness to your love working in my life, and help me to open the hearts of other young adults to the possibilities of countering You through the events, retreats, pilgrimages offered by the SVP and in particular at Holy Communion. Amen

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Example of Mass talk

Good morning/evening. My name is…. and
(Tell them a little bit about yourself- age, where you study/work, that you are a young adult member of the SVP and if you are a parishioner tell them that this is your parish.)

Today I'm here to speak to you about World Youth Sunday and how being part of the young adult community of the SVP, SVP1833 allows me to live out the mission of the Church.

World Youth Sunday is an international initiative celebrating the place of young people/ adults in the life and mission of the Church. This year's theme celebrates the 800th Anniversary of the St Francis of Assisi's death, and Pope Leo XIV has declared a 'Year of St Francis' which will run until January 2027.

St Francis of Assisi challenges us to see the world differently, and St Vincent de Paul (patron of the St Vincent de Paul Society) calls us to say, brillant, now what are we going to do about it? This World Youth Sunday, I would like to share how I'm/our SVP1833 group are responding to poverty in our local community.

My personal experience of the SVP is…

(How did you get involved, what you've done, where you went, who you've met, and how you've felt)

Today the SVP works in communities around England and Wales as well as globally to continue this legacy. Our members range from our youngest Mini Vinnies in primary schools, our Youth SVP in secondary schools and parishes, our SVP 1833 groups for young adults, and our adult Conferences.

I appreciate you all listening today and would like to leave with you some challenges for the upcoming week..

1. Find something ordinary that deserves a second look, St Francis of Assisi saw value in things others ignored.
2. Find something that could be used to make someone's day better. St Vincent de Paul believed love should be practical.

Thank you as always for your support, thank you to Father for letting me speak today and please keep the young adults of the SVP in your prayers.

If you are struggling or require help or support, please contact request@svp.org.uk

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