

**Saturday 4 November 2023**

**St Mary's, Derby**

# Revolution of tenderness

**Living the Gospel of encounter,  
compassion and justice today**

**Caritas Diocese of Nottingham and the Society of St Vincent de Paul warmly invite you to the 2023 diocesan Justice and Peace Assembly.**

***Revolution of Tenderness* is an opportunity for everyone in the Diocese of Nottingham, its parishes and SVP conferences to discover Christ in those in need, deepen our discipleship and build a better world. Meet Catholics from around the diocese and our special guest speaker Alessandra Sciarra, SVP's national Social Policy and Public Affairs Manager.**

You are invited to start the day with Mass at 10.00 a.m. celebrated by Bishop Patrick McKinney. From 11.00 a.m.:

- Hear inspiring people share their work for justice
- Pick up good practice for your parish outreach work
- Gather ideas for neighbourhood mission and care for Creation
- Find encouragement in Catholic social teaching for what you do
- Help to shape the diocese's strategy for social action
- Contribute to the national Caritas 'vision for renewal'

**Book your place today at  
[bit.ly/revolutionoftenderness](https://bit.ly/revolutionoftenderness)**



**St Vincent  
de Paul Society**  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action

True faith in the incarnate  
Son of God is inseparable  
from self-giving,  
from membership  
in the community,  
from service,  
from reconciliation with others.

The Son of God,  
by becoming flesh,  
summoned us to the  
revolution of tenderness.

*Pope Francis,  
The Joy of the Gospel*



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We live in times when human dignity is being eroded. Families can't make ends meet. Our economy is undermining the common good. Refugees are turned away. We are handing to our children a ravaged Earth. We have lost the art of civil disagreement.

There is another way. Time and again, Jesus sought out the humanity in those he met. He revealed their dignity. He worked miracles of encounter and reconciliation. This is the Good News we are called to believe, live and share – this too is evangelisation.

For its 2023 Assembly, Caritas Diocese of Nottingham is joining forces with the Society of St Vincent de Paul. *Revolution of Tenderness* is an opportunity for everyone in the Diocese, its parishes and SVP conferences to discover Christ in those in need, deepen our discipleship and build a more just and peaceful world.

## Outline programme

10.00	Mass with Bishop Patrick
11.00	Welcome
11.20	Alessandra Sciarra, SVP
11.40	Questions and discussion
12.40	Caritas annual report
1.00	Lunch (please bring your own)
2.00	Workshops: see provisional list opposite
3.00	Reflection, action planning and closing prayer
4.00	Depart

## Special guests

Our keynote speaker is **Alessandra Sciarra**, SVP's national Social Policy and Public Affairs Manager.

We will also be joined by **Andrew Jackson**, Chief Executive Officer of Upbeat Communities, which works with refugees across Derbyshire and Lincolnshire.

## Afternoon workshops

The afternoon will offer opportunities for conversation and reflection, introduced by experts in their field:

- **Serving safely:** **Joe Gasan**, Member Support Officer for SVP in the diocese, shares best practice for pastoral visiting and outreach
- **Hospitality:** **Lance Philpott**, SVP's national Head of Membership, shares SVP's experience of hosting warm spaces, drop-ins and community cafés and what they have learned
- **Mental health:** **Deacon Martyn Swaby**, an NHS mental health chaplain, will outline how your parish or drop-in can support people in their wellbeing
- **Seeking refuge:** **Andrew Jackson**, Chief Executive of Upbeat Communities, explores how churches can support asylum seekers and refugees in an increasingly hostile environment
- **Green parish:** **Gervas Franceschini**, a Laudato Si Animator based at St Mary's Derby and creator of [www.livinglaudatosi.com](http://www.livinglaudatosi.com), shares his parish's journey of ecological conversion