

Our Ref: CH/MV/JC

19 October 2023

Parish Priests
Via email

Dear Father

Re: Catholic Care Christmas Appeal 2023

As you are aware, the economic crisis which first started to have an impact this time last year, has doggedly continued into 2023 and continues to cause hardship for many families. Our Christmas 2023 Appeal will be asking for your parishioners to donate food, toiletries and toys for our much needed Community Pantries again this year.

Last year we helped over 800 families ease the financial pressure, which is even greater at Christmas time, by providing food and toys for those families who particularly struggle over the Christmas period.

Our Pantries gave us the opportunity to let those most in need know that there is help available out there not only through the Pantries but also through the other services we provide such as counselling, Gianna Baby Bank and other community projects.

How Can You Help?

Could you please place a notice in your bulletin on the weekends of the 5th & 12th November. We have some volunteer drivers and Parish representatives who are able to collect items if required. Please contact our Head Office on 0113 3885400 to arrange collection. ***In short, we need you; without your help and the help of the Parish Community these amazing, and much needed Pantries would not happen.*** I attach a suggested insert for your bulletin.

Finally, can I say thank you for your continued support for the work we do. For clarification, on any of the above please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Michelle Vink on michelle.vink@catholic-care.org.uk

Yours sincerely



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