



Mini Mena's

Our Mini Vinnies, known at St Philomena's as our Mini Menas (short for Philomena), are a dedicated group of pupils who put their faith into action through prayer, service and kindness. The name reflects our school's unique identity and charism, inspired by our patron saint, St Philomena, while remaining part of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) Mini Vinnies programme.

As Mini Menas, our pupils strive to live out the Gospel values by following the example of Jesus Christ and serving others with compassion, generosity and love. They encourage our whole school community to put faith into action by supporting those in need and living out the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

What do our Mini Menas do?

Our Mini Menas meet regularly to pray, reflect and plan ways to serve others. Throughout the year they lead and support a variety of initiatives that help our school live out its mission.

They:

- Lead fundraising events and charity appeals for local, national and international causes.
- Organise collections for food banks, homeless charities and community projects.
- Promote Catholic Social Teaching across the school.
- Help to prepare and lead prayer services, liturgies and Collective Worship.
- Encourage acts of kindness and service throughout the school community.
- Support awareness days and campaigns that promote justice, peace and care for creation.
- Welcome and support younger pupils, helping everyone feel included and valued.
- Pray for those who are lonely, vulnerable or experiencing hardship.
- Inspire others to follow Jesus' example by making a positive difference through everyday actions.

Living Our Mission

Being a Mini Mena means answering God's call to serve others with love and compassion. Through prayer, service and action, our pupils demonstrate that even the smallest acts of kindness can make a lasting difference.

Together, our Mini Menas help us to live out our school mission:

With Christ at the centre, we strive for excellence, act with respect and serve our community.