

## Winter Shoe Box Collection for Men, Women & Children

*'Never see a need without doing something about it'*

- *St Mary of the Cross*



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s Parishioners we are all aware of the many people who are less fortunate than ourselves. Social Justice is and must be practised in the most practical ways. This year we are taking on an initiative of helping those who are in most need, so we invite you to become involved in our '**Winter Shoe Box Collection**'. Our aim is to assist those most in need including men, women and children.

As a Parish we are hoping to have prepared, collected and donated 100 or more filled shoe boxes that can be distributed by July 2017. Last year we aimed to collect 50 boxes but were able to raised 250 boxes.

It's really simple. All you need to do is grab an old shoe box and fill it with a few essentials that could help someone who is living on the street or those in need. The main items that are needed include non-perishable food items, food vouchers, "up and go" type breakfast drinks, muesli bars, toiletries, second hand clothing for warmth e.g. socks, jumpers, scarves, gloves, beanies, underwear. Toiletries can include toothpaste, deodorant, body wipes, disposable razors, shaving cream, ladies' sanitary items & tissues. You might also like to include a letter. Please write on the box if it is for a Man, Woman or child to assist with distribution. You will probably find that you have most of these items in your home already. The composition of the box is your decision. Fill it with love. Filled shoe boxes can be left at the church after any Mass. Empty shoe boxes will also be available at the church from 23 April for you to take home and fill. Regular updates will be posted in the Parish Bulletin so everyone knows how we are progressing. Some sample shoeboxes have already been donated towards our target and are on display in the Church.



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CALLED  
TO LOVE**

*Thank you!*

*The Parish Council*