Please register your interest with us at: www.northamptondiocese.org/lovechristmas (or call 01604 434362)

Preparing your bags of kindness – How and What

Invite your families / parishioners to donate items, or provide their own filled bag(s) of kindness for:

- **Girl or boy** –
  - Infants / Toddlers (0 - 3 years)
  - Pre-schoolers (3 - 5 years)
  - Middle Childhood (6 - 11 years)
  - Young Teens (12-14 years)
  - Teenagers (15-17 years)

Parents of struggling families
Elderly / Lonely (Man or Woman)

This can be approached in one or more ways:

- Families / Parishioners can donate toys and gifts for the bags which can then be made up centrally by a team of volunteers or collected by Caritas to make up into bags.
- Families / Parishioners could donate a prefilled bag(s) to the church
- Cash Donations could be used to purchase items by volunteer shoppers and the bags made up.

**Suggested Gifts**
This list is for suggested gifts and to provide ideas. Anything that you would give as a gift to a family member or friend will be suitable and will be distributed to someone appropriate in need in your locality.

**Suggested Gift Ideas:**
- Chocolates, shortbread, luxury biscuits, selection boxes, games and toys, puzzles, dolls, craft sets, action toys, fidget toys, balls, playing cards, family games, activities, board games, winter clothing (scarves, gloves, socks, and blankets).
- Nail varnish, hand cream, toiletries, colouring books, crayons, pens, notebooks, stationary set, books, playing cards, make-up, hair accessories, hairbrush, crayons, pens, notebooks, stationary set, Christmas crackers, Christmas lights, Christmas activities games, toiletry gift packs, Play doh.

**Suggested Additional Gifts for babies and toddlers:**
- Cuddly toy, bath toy, building blocks, animal figures, musical toys, socks, gloves, and blankets.

**Suggested Additional Gifts for Elderly People**
- Individual Christmas pudding, Christmas cake, lap blanket, insulated mug, gloves, scarf.

Let us know how many bags and tags you would like.

Confirm with us when the gifts are ready to be collected and we will liaise with you to get this done when convenient with all parties.

Full help and support is available anytime from Caritas:
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