



# ST ANTONY'S SMSC/CITIZENSHIP PROJECT SPRING 2022

## Building Bridges: Helping Our Neighbours By Being Good Samaritans

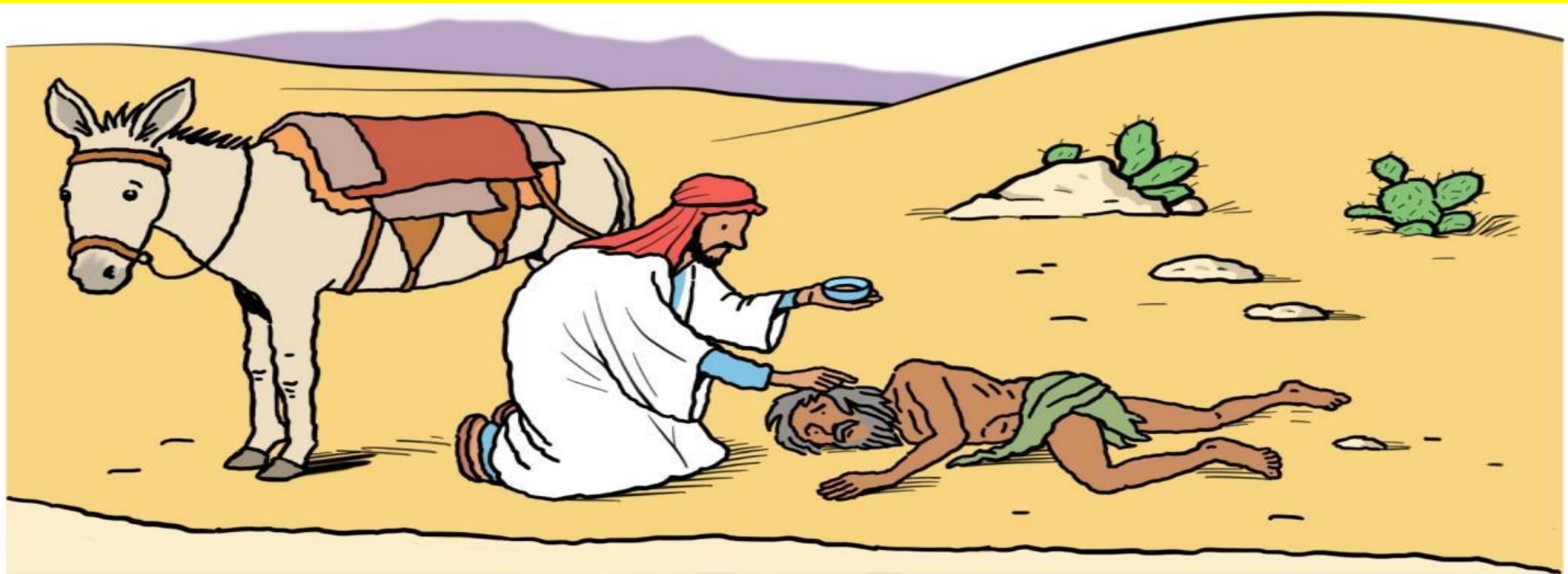
### FR. MARCO OF ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

RUNS A FOOD BANK WITH HIS PARISH  
OUTREACH TEAM. THEY FEED AND  
SUPPORT OVER 150 INDIVIDUALS AND  
FAMILIES PER MONTH. THIS INITIATIVE  
SUPPORTS PEOPLE FROM A WIDE  
RANGE OF ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS WHO  
HAVE FALLEN ON HARD TIMES AND ARE  
STRUGGLING AND IN NEED OF HELP.  
FATHER ASKED ST ANTONY'S FOR HELP.  
WE RESPONDED TO THE 'CRY OF THE  
POOR' AS POPE FRANCIS ASKS IN  
'FRATELLI TUTTI.' WE ORGANISED A  
FOOD & BASIC SUPPLIES DRIVE TO HELP.



# AS A SCHOOL WE HAVE BEEN ANALYSING THE STORY OF **THE GOOD SAMARITAN**

**We Challenged Ourselves To Emulate The Good Samaritan's Christian Virtues Following Pope Francis' Mission For Us All. *Fratelli Tutti* means "we are all brothers and sisters" Saint Francis "calls for a love that transcends the barriers of geography and distance, and declares blessed all those who love their brother 'as much when he is far away from him as when he is with him',"**







# We Hosted A Pre-Valentine Fundraiser & Food Drive Which We Called Our: **‘Wear Red Day!’**

We Shared Our **Passion for Compassion** For Those In Need.





**Fr. Marco, Eku & Elias From St Martin's Parish**

***Came To Our Special Assembly To Share Their Church's Mission To Feed The Hungry & Homeless, With Us.***







The entire school was filled with Joy and  
The Holy Spirit was alive in all of us as we sang:  
**'I feel like running, skipping, singing: Praise the Lord!'**  
This is a favourite of the staff and children. Does it show?







**Fr. Marco spoke very passionately about ...**

**How important it is for us as Christians and human beings to care for our brothers and sisters who are in need, just as the Good Samaritan did. Our Chair of Governors, Head Boy, staff and children were all moved to tears.**





**Fr. Marco, Eku and Elias joyfully accepted the gifts brought in by the children which were donated by their parents as we sang: "The Lord loves a cheerful giver, give it with love!"**







**Fr. Marco, Eku and Elias joined in as we ‘air-fived’ each other as we sang : *‘Reach Out And Touch Somebody’s Hand...Make This World A Better Place If You Can!’***







After the Assembly, Head Boy Sebastian declared: ***“Our challenge now is to get all this into these vehicles to be transported safely to St Martin’s Church!”*** Julia (Yr. 6 super hero), stepped in (literally wearing her heart on her very pink sleeves) and said: ***“I’ll sort this out! Please, just line up and come to me with the bags and boxes one by one!”*** Elias, (Father Marco’s Assistant) simply followed her orders. Real life problem solving in action!







**With lightening precision a small convoy of cars were packed and ready to be dispatched-on their journey to St Martin's Parish Church in Plaistow to re-stock the Food Bank.**







**The Staff and children of the SMSC & Citizenship Team Celebrated the day's achievement with a group picture to mark the event.**







**Fr Marco and his team landed safely back to their Food Bank base at St Martin's Church. They sorted the donations into specific categories: the 'groceries room', 'the canned foods room' and the 'toiletries room.' All were filled with the donations made by the parents, staff and children of St Antony's.**







**At the end of a most Spirit filled day, Fr Marco took the time to thank the parents, staff and children of St Antony's Catholic Primary School for their generosity.**



***"Dear St. Antony's Parents, Pupils and Staff,***

***I would like to express my deep thankfulness for your immense generosity. St. Martin's Food Bank volunteers and myself were struck by the enormous amount of food and toiletries you were able to provide. With your help, we will be able to carry on feeding 150 families and individuals for a whole month. As Mrs. Moore put it, "This is faith in action" -and by these deeds you are showing your solidarity and Christian character.***

***Thank you so much! May God bless you and provide for your needs as you are providing for others."***

***-Fr. Marco (St. Martin's Food Bank)***

***Friday, 11th February 2022***