

## NOVEMBER - MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

*This year, in all our churches, we remember especially those who have died during the pandemic. We also pray for those who have lost someone they loved, for those who were unable to say goodbye, and for those who are suffering the pain of grief. We pray for confidence in the loving mercy of God, for faith in the Resurrection to new life, and for the hope of being reunited in God's kingdom.*

At **Mary's Meals** we are inspired by the courageous 'yes' of Mary. Her total Trust in God in the face of numerous challenges gave the World the most precious gift of all – Jesus. Throughout this year of many challenges we have continued to say yes, with the help of our generous supporters, to feeding children their daily meal in a place of education even when obstacles arose. Now we are delighted to share with you a new opportunity to say yes and provide hope to 43,000 children in Bong County, Liberia. From 2nd November until 31st January 2021, any donations made to the **Double the Love** campaign will be matched by UK government, up to £2 million. Each little act of love will be doubled to support families in Liberia and the hope of a better future for their children. You can get involved by setting a place at our Big Family Christmas dinner table (<https://bigfamilychristmas.marysmeals.org.uk/big-family-christmas-table>) You can also buy our Christmas gift cards on our website. More information on how to support us can be found at [www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove). Thank you.

### **TICKETS FOR MASS**

Tier 4 restrictions mean that we are limited to a maximum capacity of **20** for Sunday Mass. Therefore each **individual** must book a ticket. Family groups cannot be catered for as before. Tickets can be registered via **EVENTBTRITE** by means of the *parish website* or *Facebook page*. Using this method enables us to comply with Government

requirements that we identify all who attend our services through Track and Trace systems.

### **PARISH WEBSITE**

For some time we have communicated information via the website: [www.stgabrielsmerryee.wordpress.com](http://www.stgabrielsmerryee.wordpress.com) I am grateful for the assistance provided by the organiser of that site. By Advent we will be using a new website: [www.stgabrielsmerryee.co.uk](http://www.stgabrielsmerryee.co.uk) to update our information. ***This website is now in operation***, but the previous website will remain operative until 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. Eventbrite tickets will be available on both sites.

### **VISITS FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**

The church will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am until 12 noon for private prayer. Please leave your name and phone number with the “welcomer” at the door just in case we need to trace you.

### **SANITISING THE CHURCH FOR SERVICES**

A special group gives the church a good clean on Monday morning to start the week sanitised. ***If you would be willing to volunteer for this group please let Fr Michael know.***

### **Latest updates from the Bishops**

**For parishes in Tier 4 areas:**

**Who is included in the 20 limit?**

The 20 limit includes children. It does not include the priest or the stewards, but the number of stewards must be proportionate to the smaller maximum attendance.

The Bishops' experts have suggested that with the attendance falling to 20 it would be good to distance people even further than the current 2m to minimise contact, but how that might work is a matter for each parish and they have not suggested a fixed distance.

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

is the First Sunday of Advent (B)