

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. 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. 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

As Advent begins we are now using a new website: www.stgabrielismerrylee.co.uk to update our information. ***This website is now in operation***, but the previous website will remain operative until 1st 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.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

Although many of our usual events have had to be curtailed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are still collecting Christmas gifts for children. These gifts will be distributed via the South Glasgow Foodbank. If you are interested in donating please wrap the gift labelling it with the appropriated age and gender for the child. The gift can be left in Church on Tuesday or Thursday between 11 and 12 noon or handed in to the chapel house. We would be grateful if the gifts were handed in by Sunday, 13th December.

SLEEPING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

As usual this winter we will collect sleeping bags to help the homeless and disadvantaged. Donations can be made at the chapel house

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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

The proposed schedule for masses at Christmas will be as follows:

Christmas Eve

Vigils at 4pm and 5:30pm.

Christmas Day

Masses at 9am and 11am.

Numbers of tickets available will depend on the Scottish Government's decision regarding which Tier we will be in.