

## SSVP CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Without its traditional box collections, St. Gabriel's SSVP Conference continues to need financial support. As Christmas approaches, we are committed to providing support to needy families in our area and we ask parishioners to help us with their donations.

One-off donations may be made by cheque, made out to "**SSVP GL05057**" and sent to Frances McKeon, 1/1, 3 Mariscat Road, Glasgow G41 4ND. Online transfers may be made to our bank account:

**A/c name: SSVP GL05057**

**Sort code: 80-07-34**

**A/c no.: 00834880**

Our sincere thanks to all who have helped us to date.

## TICKETS FOR MASS

Tier 4 restrictions mean that we continue to be limited to a **maximum** capacity of **20** for each Sunday Mass. Therefore each **individual** must book a ticket. Family groups cannot be catered for as before. Tickets can be registered via **EVENTBRITE** 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](http://www.stgabrielismerrylee.co.uk) to update our information. ***This website is now in operation***, but the previous website will remain operative briefly with a link to the new website. 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, 13<sup>th</sup> December.

## **ST. GABRIEL'S NATIVITY 2020**

Primary school aged children from St Gabriel's Parish are invited to help us make a Nativity video to be posted online. The children will draw pictures and some of the older children will narrate. There will be no photographs of the children. We will meet with you and your parent or guardian on Zoom at 4pm every Sunday in Advent.

To find out more, email Mary-Kate Hannah on [nativitystgabriels@gmail.com](mailto:nativitystgabriels@gmail.com)

## 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.***

## 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.*

A few copies of the new Western Catholic Calendar are now available from the chapel house price **£3:20**