

## ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES



24th October 2021

## Please Take Care and Stay Safe

We still have to

Wear Masks in the Church Use Hand Sanitisers Maintain Social Distancing



While restrictions are being lifted and there is no longer any limit on the numbers we can allow in our churches, the numbers of Covid cases, admissions to hospitals and ICUs, and deaths, are rising at an alarming rate. We want to welcome everyone back with confidence that you will be safe here. The church is deep cleaned regularly with our Fogging machine. This is done in the evenings when the church is closed for your protection. We check the hand sanitisers regularly but if you do find that one of them is empty, we'd appreciate a reminder.

We have left all the seats open as there should be plenty of room for everyone, but must remind you not to sit directly behind or in front of anyone. We are all inclined to stay at the end of our row, but please remember to keep a 2 metre distance from each other.

## Sunday 24th October - World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. Similar Peter's Pence, it is a yearly universal Church collections. It takes place in every single parish worldwide.



This year's message 'We Cannot Remain Silent - we cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard' (Acts 4:20) is twofold. It is a message of hope: Jesus Christ is risen and we cannot keep his love, compassion and mercy to ourselves. It also challenges us to stand up and speak out on behalf of those whose voices are too small to be heard. For them, we cannot remain silent.

Today the second collection is for the Missions, and replaces the usual Share collection. We appeal for your usual generosity. Thank you.

## Mass of Remembrance

Our special Mass, remembering all those whose funerals took place in St. Gabriel's over the past year, will be celebrated on Sunday  $7^{th}$  November at 6pm. Letters of invitation are being sent to each family and we hope it will be a comforting and uplifting experience for all who are grieving for their loved ones.

