



# ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

12<sup>th</sup> December 2021



## *St. Vincent de Paul Weekend: Second Collection Today at all Masses*

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to support those seeking assistance to the best of their availability. For the many families that are helped, they are faced daily with impossible choices, but at this time of year for many these impossible choices get harder — put oil in the tank or get the present on their child's list. This year, more than ever, your help is needed to make sure that children and families have what they need to share in the magic of the season.

On this weekend, the second Mass collection will be the annual appeal for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, when they hope to raise funds for people who are struggling this Christmas. It will replace the usual Share Collection.

### *New Locations for our Two Defibrillators*

We have moved our two defibrillators to more prominent locations where they are more accessible to all

**In the Church**, the defibrillator is in the inner porch at the main entrance, on your righthand side as you enter the church. It is accessible only while the Church is open (10am - 4pm in winter months, 6pm closing in summer).

**In the Parish Centre** the defibrillator is **outside the main door**, and therefore accessible 24/7. To protect it, it is enclosed in a box and there is a code which must be used to open it. The code is written on the box and easy to remember — 1703 (St. Patrick's Day!)

Please God they won't be needed, but in case of an emergency they are both now more easily accessible. Perhaps we could all pass this message on to anyone who might not get to read it.



### *On Line Appeal for Families in Food Poverty*

For many years Crosscare Christmas appeals provided mountains of food, toiletries etc. to be used in food parcels, meals in their cafes and food banks in the short term.

In the longer term they work towards moving people out of food poverty, helping families to help themselves through budgeting, healthy eating, and long-term housing and welfare support, giving them the dignity and independence to provide for themselves.

Due to Covid restrictions, this year's appeal is for online donations. Your ongoing support for Crosscare makes a huge difference to those most in need. Please support this appeal to end food poverty by giving what you can online at [www.crosscare.ie/donate](http://www.crosscare.ie/donate) or call 01 8360011