

GIVING AT CHRISTMAS

There are varying degrees of advice on the risk of sending Christmas Cards this year. To entirely remove any risk of spreading Covid why not send a text or email to friends and family with season's best wishes and instead give the money you save to a worthy cause. It would be a wonderful way to mark the true meaning of Christmas.

Here are a few worthy candidates you might want to consider:

Mary's Meals

This year, the cost of a typical Christmas dinner could be up to £20 per person. But by setting a place at our virtual table for just £15.90 you can help feed a child at a place of education in some of the world's poorest communities for an entire school year.

And it gets even better! Give until 31 January 2021 and your donation will be doubled by the UK government, up to £2 million – meaning we can reach even more hungry children in Liberia with life-changing school meals.

Find out more and donate at: www.marysmeals.org.uk

SCIAF

Inspired by the gospel, SCIAF tackles the causes of poverty and injustice. They reach out with love to those in need, regardless of age, race or religion. They believe in supporting the whole person, including their spiritual wellbeing, political voice, cultural and community life.

SCIAF works to help the poorest survive and thrive.

SCIAF is the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund, the official agency of the Catholic Church in Scotland.

Find out more and donate at: www.sciaf.org.uk

Last but not least:

St Joseph's

We are currently undertaking work of the repair and maintenance of the Parish buildings. The upkeep of the Parish Estate is not cheap and in this difficult time finding the necessary funds is not easy. Anything you can give would be greatly appreciated.

You can donate directly into the Church Account. Bank details are in the weekly bulletin.



SAINT JOSEPH'S

BROOMHOUSE



Christmas 2020



MASSES AT CHRISTMAS



To accommodate as many people as possible this year, given the current restrictions on the numbers that can attend each service, there will be four Christmas Masses.

Three Masses will be held on Christmas Eve and one on Christmas Day.

Christmas Eve Masses

5:00pm

6:30pm

8:00pm

Christmas Day

10:00am

Those wishing to attend should book in the normal way following the instructions shown in the weekly Bulletin.

It is more important than ever to inform us if you are unable to fulfil your booking as there is likely to be a shortage of space. This would allow someone else to be able to make use of your reserved seat.

As always we are grateful for volunteers to help with the cleaning between services and the other important requirements that make it possible for us to hold Masses at all.

OTHER CHANGES THIS CHRISTMAS



We want everyone to have a wonderful, joyful, peaceful and safe Christmas. To this end Fr Shinto, and the Parish Council, have agreed the following:

Christmas Cards and Presents

There will be no facilities this year for the distribution of Christmas Cards to fellow Parishioners. This is to reduce the risk of spreading the Covid Virus.

For a similar reason Parishioners are asked not to bring Christmas Presents to Church to exchange with friends.

Singing in Church

At this time of year we usually delight in the singing of Christmas Carols but again due the current Pandemic Parishioners are asked to refrain from singing if music is being played at Services.

Physical Contact

We often like to greet and hug each other at this very special time of year but again we ask Parishioners to refrain from this habit. The most important thing we can give each other this year is space and a safe visit to Church. Congregating in areas of the Church or in the Church Grounds increases the risk of disease transmission and we ask Parishioners not to do this.

Parishioner safety is our prime goal.