

Message from Fr William on Fifth Sunday of Easter 10th May 2020

Dear People of St Mary's and online visitors to our parish

We had a full meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council on Monday by Zoom. Thank you to all the councillors for your time and consultation. On the advice of the council I will be extending the trial period of setting aside the printed texts of the readings after we return from lockdown, and also reschedule the parish appraisal which was scheduled for Pentecost Sunday 31st May until we have had a sustained period out of lockdown.

Here's the latest on the project to get ourselves set up with our own livestreaming equipment. There has been a tremendous response to my appeal and we've effectively met our target. But as I said at the end of mass last Sunday I'm also acutely that this is your money, and a lot of money. So I'm taking quite a lot of time consulting, and consulting quite widely, to make sure get the right set up for our parish. I want to spend a bit more time on this before finalising a decision. There's also the question of clearance from the Historic Churches Committee to install this equipment, and that's something else I'm in discussion about with the diocese. As I said on Sunday, with your help I want to provide the parish with a livestreaming capability that will become a regular dimension of our parish life, that will actually be used, and that will enable all of us to celebrate mass together on occasions when we can't physically get to mass, and in any future lockdown situations. There is clearly a lot of support for this project, including from the Parish Pastoral Council. All those who have so kindly pledged a donation, please don't send any money yet. I will be getting in touch with you very soon.

For more information, see the column on the website homepage Coronavirus and Current Arrangements, and of course the weekly bulletin further down.

Did anyone notice my three new photos on the website homepage?

Keep well, keep safe, happy continued easter, and have a good week.



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