

Message from Fr William on Seventh Sunday of Easter 24th May 2020

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

Parishioners have been asking me this last week how they can continue to contribute to the offertory collection during lockdown, or continue their financial support for the parish. Thank you for this. Yes the parish needs your continued financial support. So I'm very grateful. Here's the options:

Our heroic money counters can't get in during lockdown to count and record cash or cheques and take to the bank, so the ideal would be if you could get yourself set up with **Online Banking**. Anybody with a bank account and access to the internet can do this. Just google **Online Banking** with your bank name (eg Halifax online banking) and it will tell you how to get set up. You'll find it incredibly useful not just for supporting the parish, but for your life, and wonder how you lived without it!

If you don't have internet access you can still set up a Standing Order by phoning your bank. I'm guessing the online option above though is quicker.

I invite you also to find the new yellow DONATE button I've put on the parish website. You'll find it on the home page. Click on this and you'll be taken to a page with options for giving.

If these routes are not open to you then please save up your donations until we are fully operational again with money counters.

As mentioned last Sunday, we can be sure that we are doing our bit as the Catholic Church in the fight against coronavirus by keeping our churches closed until it is safe to open our doors again. And I will do my best to continue livestreaming our mass to the parish so that we can continue to come together to celebrate Mass each Sunday.

I hoped to have some news for you this Sunday on our livestream equipment but haven't progressed the project this last week. I hope to have some news for you on this next Sunday.

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



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