

Message from Fr William on Pentecost Sunday 31st May 2020

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

Latest news on our livestream equipment: It's on its way from the manufacturer to our supplier. Meanwhile we've been undertaking consultation and online examination to check that this is the right solution for St Mary's against other options. I'm grateful to all the people that have given their time and been involved in this. Nothing has been paid for yet, but I will soon be contacting those parishioners that have so kindly pledged donations to meet the target.

As mentioned last Sunday, parishioners have been asking how they can continue to contribute to the offertory collection during lockdown, or continue their financial support more generally for the parish. 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 all your financial transactions. I switched over from writing cheques several years ago now and have never looked back. It's so much easier.

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.

Remember 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. Meanwhile let's continue to celebrate Mass together with our livestreaming connecting our church and our homes together each Sunday.

Keep well, keep safe, and Happy Pentecost Sunday.



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