

Message from Fr William on Trinity Sunday 7th June 2020

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

First, apologies about the late start and poor sound for the Sun 5pm last Sunday. Sound issues, now resolved. I had the receiver plugged into the output rather than input on the camera.

A few appointments I've made in this last week or so. I've asked Simon Knowles to take on the major task of Old School Manager. I'm very grateful to him for his willingness to take this on. And a huge thank you to Trevor Hayes who has held this post for so long.

Frank and Hilary Gilchrist have taken on the coordination of Welcomers. Philip Bothamley has taken on the coordination of our Audio Visual operators. Jules Finn has taken on the coordination of our Bidding Prayer Leaders. Paul Stansfield has taken on the coordination and training of our Altar Servers. Alison Wray continues to coordinate our Ministers of the Word. Thank you to all these.

This is not a signal that we're about to be back up and running with business as normal. We're not. We continue to do 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 we continue to celebrate Mass together by livestream connecting our church and our homes each Sunday.

Our SVP, Eucharistic Ministers, and other volunteers are continuing to provide telephone and other support to those of us who are shielding or otherwise in need of support.

No further news for you on our livestream equipment: It's still on its way from the manufacturer. I will be contacting parishioners that have so kindly pledged donations to meet the target. Meanwhile a huge thank you to Chris Rawson who is still lending us equipment of his own for our livestreaming.

School news: Mon 8th June Reception back in, Wed 10th Year 1 back in, Mon 15th Year 6 back in. Physical distancing measures in place. More details on the school website. Let's keep the children, families and staff in our prayers.

Keep well, keep safe, and Happy Trinity Sunday.



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