

Message from Fr William on Sunday 28th June 2020

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

During lockdown the parish SVP together with support from the Friendship Group and many individual parishioners have been supporting the elderly, vulnerable and those shielding at home or in residential care according to individual need: Doing shopping, arranging online deliveries, collecting and delivering prescriptions, supporting the Food Bank, providing essential support eg bedding, helping with electrical/plumbing problems, keeping in touch by phone, socially distanced visiting, leaving treats on the doorstep and conversing from a distance, providing materials to help fill the day eg books for children and craft materials, supporting access to streamed Masses on TV, computer or smart phone, supporting the bereaved, delivering the parish bulletin and Sunday Mass readings for those who can't access these on the website, circulating the Growing Old Gracefully/SVP Coronavirus booklet.

Because of lockdown contact between parishioners, SVP or Friendship Group has been by telephone, email and SVP zoom meetings. Many of us have been praying for each other. Some have been providing transport. Some have been visiting at the hospital. Some have been baking for others. Some have been sharing their garden. These are just the ways I know about of how people have been supporting each other during lockdown.

New Livestreaming Camera – still running tests before committing to purchase, but all's looking fine. Meantime please note as mentioned last Sunday that we will be streaming to our own new Youtube channel. We hope this will be up and running next Sunday. Here's what you need to do to make sure you are still accessing our livestream masses: Continue to access the livestream from the link at the top of the website homepage. It reads

New (:) Livestreams and Recordings

This will be linked to the new channel. So for those who access our livestreams from the homepage link you will notice no change. A perfectly smooth transition! If you're not sure, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Keep well, keep safe, and let's continue to pray for each other and support each other.



SS Peter and Paul, 28 June 2020