

Weekly Message from Fr William for Sunday 25th October 2020

Dear People of St Mary's

The readings last Sunday seemed to be a clear message or reminder to us that trying to keep the law of the land is both our civic and our Christian responsibility. This has a particular relevance to us during the Coronavirus pandemic with the constantly changing regulations put forward by the government, as a minimum 'baseline' to keep to. The regulations are constantly changing to deal with an ever changing coronavirus situation. It's difficult to keep up. So I thought it might be helpful to share with you two easy(ish) ways to keep up.

The BBC offers a handy webpage. Click on the following link, scroll down the webpage to the question **What Are The Rules in Your Area?** and type in your postcode

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-54568544>

(The Government also gives a webpage by postcode for finding out the restrictions in your area, but I think not as user friendly as the BBC webpage above)

<https://www.gov.uk/find-coronavirus-local-restrictions?priority-taxon=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109cce8eae>

You could download the NHS Covid 19 app to your mobile phone. This app is probably the handiest way to see the local restrictions at a glance. You just need to be aware that once this app is live on your phone you're in the NHS track and trace system, so have a read about it before downloading.

<https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhs-covid-19>

As a parish we are continuing to go beyond the 'baseline' of adherence, going the extra mile to help reduce the spread of the virus. We're well placed to do this with the adaptations we have made as a parish since March – zoom conferencing for meetings, online and other cash free collections and donations to continue supporting the parish financially, and livestream celebrations of mass. I had a zoom conference with the PPC last Monday and I'll say a bit about that at Mass.

Monday this week, tomorrow, the Finance Committee will be meeting by zoom. This will be an important meeting to assess how we're doing financially.

Keep well, keep safe, keep each other safe.

God bless you and your homes



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