

Weekly Message from Fr William for Sunday 1st November 2020

Dear People of St Mary's

1st November falls on a Sunday this year – the feast of All Saints. Looking forward to celebrating mass with you on this big feast day in the Christian calendar. I'm thinking I might share with you some extracts from *Gaudete et Exultate*, the recent exhortation from Pope Francis he wrote a couple of years ago. Looks particularly appropriate for this feast day.

The livestream camera is temporarily fixed to the wall – you probably noticed in recent celebrations of mass. It fits snugly into top left corner of the Bond End entrance door recess as planned. It's just above head height so that we can combine livestream with physical attendance. It's now off the temporary tripod to keep the floor clear for safety/hazard/obstacle reasons, but otherwise as low as possible to give livestreaming participants the continued sense of being with the congregation. But we await authorisation for this location of the camera from the Historic Churches Committee that meets in November. Ethernet, audio and power cables are still loose. The permanent trunking of these to the wall also awaits the HCC authorisation later this month.

If you know of anybody else not yet set up with internet, now is a good time to help them get set up before any further restrictions come our way. This would enable them to join us for mass from the security of their homes, now and into the future when some of us will be housebound, and a useful way to keep in touch with friends/family/parishioners, and all the other online benefits like online shopping and grocery deliveries. If you know of anybody that would like this but you don't feel you're able to help them personally, please let me know.

Mass still livestream only this Sunday and next, at least. Still taking this one week at a time. However, next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and I want to look at the possibility of opening the church in the afternoon for individual visits for a couple of hours. This would also be an option for people to remember in church or pray in church (as well as in your homes) in this month of November for loved ones who have died. Check my weekly message next Sunday for a confirmation or otherwise on this plan. Volunteer stewards would be needed 2pm to 4pm Sunday 8th November.

Keep well, keep safe, keep each other safe.

God bless you and your home



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