

Weekly Message from Fr William for Sunday 15th November 2020

Dear People of St Mary's

On Tuesday 10th November, the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) published its overarching '*Roman Catholic Church Investigation Report*'. It documents the serious and widespread failings of the church in its duty of safeguarding, the terrible impact that abuse has had on the lives of children, and its detrimental effect as they have grown into adulthood. About this, Bishop Marcus has written: "The work of safeguarding in the Church is fundamental to our discipleship as Christians to protect Christ's 'little ones' and to care for all those who are most vulnerable in our communities."

I intend to make praying for victims and survivors of abuse a more regular part of our bidding prayers at Mass, and that all those entrusted with leadership in the church will bring about the "*real and lasting changes*" which are needed to ensure that nothing like this happens again, and that those who have been hurt by abuse are fully protected, cared for and supported.

On Saturday evening 14th November, 7.30pm to 8.30pm, I intend to put on a holy hour, livestreamed from our church, with Eucharistic Adoration, for all victims and survivors of child abuse. Late notice, I know, and you may not get this message in time. Spontaneous plan at the time of writing, Friday evening, in light of the IICSA report.

And on Saturday evening 21st November, 7.30pm to 8.30pm, the night before the great feast of Christ the King, I intend to put on another holy hour, livestreamed from our church, with Eucharistic Adoration, this time for all those throughout the world affected by the coronavirus pandemic. In this we will be part of an international event, and St Mary's Knaresborough has already been registered on the international map of parishes taking part. For more information on this international event visit <https://corpusdomini.iec2020.hu/#/> I'm told there is also a video for this at the following address, though it doesn't appear to be available yet <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5j2bWBfb>

Finally for now, something called the Mark 10 Mission has come to my attention, producing a series of 15 minute youtube videos for each Sunday of the year, anchored in the gospel reading for the Sunday. This looks like a good Sunday resource for the children of the parish not quite yet ready for Mass. Here it is for this Sunday. Let me know what you think. I'm looking to put it out to you especially in Advent and in our preparation for Christmas. <https://youtu.be/izqgkPXTGuU>
God bless you and your home



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