

Weekly Message from Fr William for Sunday 22th November 2020

Dear People of St Mary's

We're just over half way through this November lockdown and I thought it might be helpful to reassure you that when we take part in mass by livestream we really are taking part in the mass. I've been contrasting this with 'physical attendance', but really during the livestream you're just as physically present in the mass as I am. You see, for the duration of the livestream your home becomes an extension of the church, just like that mass I was telling you about in Rome in 2004 when the whole city became the caught up in the mass. We're more geographically spread out than usual, and we can't see each other. But we're nevertheless doing this together – offering together the sacrifice of the mass. This is not the same as watching a recording when the mass has already happened and all you can do is to passively watch. It's why we've gone to lengths to get set up with livestreaming for St Mary's, and not settling for putting out a recording each Sunday. We've effectively commandeered youtube, which is generally just for watching stuff, and we're using it as an interactive platform, so we can continue to celebrate mass together each Sunday. So let's make the most of this capability and be one with me as we come together on a Sunday and offer together the sacrifice of the mass.

Saturday evening 14th November, 7.30pm to 8.30pm, I put on a holy hour, livestreamed from our church, with Eucharistic Adoration, for all victims and survivors of child abuse, with the context given in my message last Sunday (still on the website). Thanks those of you who were able to join me.

Saturday evening 21st November, 7.30pm to 8.30pm, the night before the great feast of Christ the King, I'll be putting on another holy hour, livestreamed from our church, with Eucharistic Adoration, this time for all those throughout the world affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Access this in the usual way from the Livestream link on the website homepage. We will be part of an international event, and St Mary's has already been registered on the international map of parishes taking part. For more information visit <https://corpusdomini.iec2020.hu/#/>

In continuation from last Sunday, I commend to you especially young families the Mark 10 Mission and its series of 15 minute youtube videos for each Sunday of the year, anchored in the gospel reading for the Sunday. This is a good Sunday resource for the children of the parish not quite yet ready for Mass. Here it is for this Sunday, Christ the King. Let me know what you think. I'm looking to put it out to you each Sunday especially in Advent and in our preparation for Christmas.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HroVZB0ymhs&feature=emb_logo

God bless you and your home



Christ the King – Sunday 22th November