

Weekly Message from Fr William for the Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

Dear People of St Mary's, SVP and other parishioners of St Mary's continue to support each other with tasks like shopping, collection of medication, and keeping in contact eg by phone. North Yorkshire County Council have sent out guidance on how we can help each other safely. Here it is: www.northyorks.gov.uk/helpduringcovid

If you would like to volunteer to offer your help and support in the local community you can use the same link as above. Or why not get in touch with our own SVP and offer your services through the SVP on 07470 312709.

If you need help with shopping and essentials and you don't have anybody that can easily provide this help, then NYCC are also offering this help. If you have internet please use this link www.northyorks.gov.uk/covidhelp or if you don't have internet call 01609 780 780 seven days a week between 8am and 5.30pm.

If the Government has written to you to tell you that you need to shield, you can also contact NYCC and explain what support you need while you are shielding. If you have internet please use this link www.northyorks.gov.uk/shielding or if you don't have internet call 01609 780 780 seven days a week between 8am and 5.30pm.

If you can't get out, I'm told by NYCC there's lots of great North Yorkshire businesses standing by to deliver goods and services to you. I haven't checked this out, but you could try www.northyorks.gov.uk/buylocal If so, it's a good opportunity to also shop locally and support local businesses.

I was talking to one of our parish last Sunday in an outdoor and socially distanced and facially covered way. They said they get my weekly message online and the bulletin, but they're not computer literate and don't know how to access all the wonderful opportunities I detail on either of these two weekly publications on the website. So I got to wondering if others were in a similar situation. So here's a tip. The strange looking text you see underlined in the paragraphs above, and also on the bulletin where they also appear in blue or sometimes purple, are called a 'link' or a 'hyperlink'. Don't be bamboozled by the look of them. You don't have to even try to read what it says. All you have to do is click on it and it takes you to the information you're looking for. If nothing happens, try holding down Ctrl as you click on it. Try this one from last Sunday's bulletin on the Mark 10 Mission for the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bquc4C0VSbY&feature=emb_logo

If you don't yet have internet and want parish news and weekly updates from the website, you're still welcome to phone Carmel on 01423 868783 or Teresa on 07862 717275. They're happy to share website news and updates with you over the phone.

William

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