

Weekly Message from Fr William for the Fourth Week of Easter 2021

Dear People of St Mary's

Looking forward to having the school celebrate an Easter Mass with us on Friday this fourth week of Easter. They will be celebrating mass livestream from their classroom bubbles. They're not allowed to sing, as per the national guidelines, so no singing at this mass. We'll miss singing favourite Easter songs/hymns with them this year for our annual school Easter Mass. It will be great to have them joining us.

Highlights on the bulletin this Sunday: Tony's upcoming sponsored walk, the 1,000 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats. Good luck! This Sunday's Mark 10 mission 15 minute video. Announcement of the Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians. And a new funeral and bereavement service in town. Welcome to Knaresborough!

Please please we need some more volunteers to join our cleaning team. I put out the call these last couple of weeks and no responses yet. We're going to need you as we plan the fuller reopening of the church. If this is something you'd be willing and able to take on, please get in touch, eg by phoning me 01423 862388 or emailing me: pp.stmary.knaresborough@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

We're still on one in-church mass per Sunday, the Saturday 6pm Mass. Take up of in-church participants so far: 27 on Easter morning, then 12, 11, and I'm looking forward to welcoming 13 this week. Capacity is 32. The majority of the parish celebrating Sunday mass is currently by livestream. Whether by in-church participation or by livestream, thank you for your fidelity to mass during the pandemic. We all look forward to a return to normality.

Please do continue to reach out to parishioners who may have lost touch and may not be aware of the continuation of mass each Sunday. I try to do this myself, reaching out to parishioners, and any help with this is welcome to help the parish come together as fully as possible each Sunday. You could let them know about this weekly message and about the bulletin and where to find these. And thank you those who are printing these off for others who don't have internet and getting these to them to help them keep in touch and informed.

Hope you're enjoying the wonderful weather, and the Easter Season.



Fourth Sunday of Easter, 25th April 2021