

Weekly Message from Fr William for Trinity Sunday 2021

Dear People of St Mary's,

Happy Trinity Sunday! Always the Sunday after the Easter Season when we've celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus, his Ascension to the Father, and the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

We're also into the time of first Holy Communion. Children who have completed the preparation course with their parents will begin fully participating with us in the celebration of the Mass, and receiving Holy Communion with the parish for the first time. Parents are beginning to get in touch with me to choose with their child a Sunday for this important moment in their child's sacramental life. We have the first this Trinity Sunday at the Saturday 6pm Mass.

The Baptism preparation course is underway for the first time on 14 months, with three couples now preparing for their child's baptism.

Some news on the Old School (our parish hall). We are preparing to re-open for multiple occupancy with the lifting of restrictions on this. I am currently acting manager for now. It's a significant task, and I'm grateful to those who have taken on the role of Manager in recent years: Steven, Trevor and most recently Simon.

With re-opening to multiple occupancy, the Old School (parish hall) will need professional and paid cleaning on a twice weekly basis, and I am now looking to take someone on in this capacity. I can't expect volunteers to take this on. This is distinct from volunteer roles in the parish, like our cleaning team who clean the church and public areas as a ministry to the parish. The Old School (parish hall) is distinct, and ultimately a business and needs to be cleaned on a commercial basis. The parish by contrast continues to be run on an entirely volunteer basis by volunteers. It's one of the great strengths of our parish, your parish.

You'll see an advert in the bulletin for this position.

We continue for now with two in-church masses per Sunday. In-church participation increased last Sunday. 18 and 19 last Sunday. 14 and 4 the previous Sunday. 17 and 5 the Sunday before that. Capacity is 30. Online registration continues to be required for in-church participation. Give me a call if you're experiencing difficulties registering online.

See last Sunday's weekly message for more on current mass provision for St Mary's. See bulletin for what's happening, including Liz Jones 40 mile challenge for a hospital in Zimbabwe.



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