

Weekly Message from Fr William for Corpus Christi 2021

Dear People of St Mary's,

It's the Feast of Corpus Christi, the (almost) final echo of the Easter Season. Happy Feast! And on this great feast we have another first Holy Communion, in fact siblings, at the Saturday 6pm Mass. More on this in my weekly message last week.

Collection during Mass: We've seen another rise in text giving for the collection, from £245 in April to £280 in May. Big thank you for your financial support of the parish. We need this now as much as ever before. Please keep it coming and don't be shy about getting your phone out during mass, whether you're livestreaming or in church. We need your financial support. We're not handling cash at the moment. Standing Orders and Text Giving provide a safe and practical way of continuing your financial support of the parish.

On the strength of this we're now introducing the opportunity to donate to the Building Loan Fund by text giving as well. Our Building Loan Fund collection continues to be the first Sunday of the month. In this Sunday 6th June. So it's text CHURCH SMK to 70500 to donate £5 to the offertory collection (as before) text CHURCH BLF to 70500 to donate £5 to the Building Loan Fund. Reminder will appear on the wall at Mass.

Please continue to register online for in-church participation. Your name and contact details will be stored for a limited time on the Eventbrite platform and will be used automatically for track and isolate in the unlikely event of a positive case of covid in the in-church congregation. I've reset the cut off time from 24 hours before mass to 3 hours before mass.

I'm now taking a break. I'll be away for the inside of two weeks as you'll see on the bulletin calendar. I'm with you for this Sunday, Corpus Christi, to celebrate mass with you. and I'll be back for 20th June for all three Sunday masses. The intervening Sunday 13th June you could celebrate mass in-church at any of the other churches within striking distance. Check their website for current mass provision. You could celebrate mass by livestream at the many churches around the world now livestreaming. Or you could take a break. The obligation to Sunday mass is still lifted, as it has been since the first lockdown in March 2020. Whatever you decide, please come back to us for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 20th June, all three Sunday Masses, when normal service will resume!

God bless you!

