

Weekly Message from Fr William for Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time 2021

Dear People of St Mary's,

By the time you read this the 200 club draw for May 2021 will be on the parish website and you'll be able to watch the draw take place on the 200 club page under Parish Life.

Please help yourself as usual to the Bulletin from the parish website homepage, where you'll find my weekly relay of information and opportunities, and please continue to pass on a printed copy to those in the parish you are supporting who don't have internet access, or read bits out to them over the phone, and this weekly message, and this Sunday the pastoral letter from Bishop Marcus linked from the bulletin.

With the rescheduling to 19th July of step 4 out of lockdown and the lifting of the remaining restrictions, we continue a few more weeks with the current provision for our parish celebration of Sunday Mass. This Sunday and next we have two in-church masses, and all three are livestreamed. We are able to continue singing for the mass which is livestream only. Please continue to book online from the parish website homepage for in-church participation. The data you enter upon registration is retained for a limited period and will be automatically used for trace and isolation in the unlikely event of a case of covid among the in-church congregation. See bulletin calendar for more details about mass provision.

Children who have completed the preparation course are continuing to receive their first Holy Communion with their families when their parents discern they are ready for this. Please continue to contact me to fix up a date when you're ready. A date for their plenary celebration all together will be fixed up when covid restrictions are lifted and all have received their first Holy Communion.

Two dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation were pencilled in for this year – 11th and 18th July. These will now be rescheduled following the new date for step 4 out of the lockdown restrictions and I will be in contact with parents in due course to fix up a new date, which may well now be in the autumn.

We're all looking forward to the full lifting of restrictions. The parish has been brilliant at adapting to the measures we've put in place to keep each other safe and to play our small part in minimising any risk of viral transmission in the wider community.

God bless you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time, 6th June 2021