

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

Dear People of St Mary's

Among the many things we've kept going through the pandemic is our International Outreach. With your ongoing and regular donations throughout, St Mary's has continued to send more than £100 each month to families in Macheke, Zimbabwe, all of which has gone to helping these families with their children's school fees. I just received the following message written

Dear Fr William and Parishioners of St Mary's, thank you very much for your kind donation to the Monastery of Christ the Word. Your support is very much appreciated and your funds will be used by Fr Barnabas, Prior of the Monastery of Christ the Word, to continue to assist Macheke families with school fees. With grateful thanks for continuing to help your brothers and sisters in Macheke. *(Sent on behalf of the Community of Christ the Word)*

We also just received a personal thank you from Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), personally from their director of development, Adrian Gannon, thanking us for our text donations last Sunday.

Thank you so much for your parish's kind support of Sea Sunday this year. I'm very impressed with your video presentation facility at the end of Mass. We're also pleased that text giving worked well for you and your parishioners. In these COVID-19 days, we thought it might be a good alternative to handling cash. We are most grateful for their support of our work with fishers and seafarers – so please do pass on our heartfelt thanks to them.

Just as soon as the nation takes the government's step 4 out of lockdown, and just as soon as we get the green light from the diocese to lift remaining restrictions, I'd like to send out a clear signal to everyone, inviting everybody back into church. I've commissioned a banner to this effect that I'll be putting up on the Bond End railings. Here's encouraging you, if you're reading this weekly message, to spread the word to come back into church just as soon as we get that green light from the diocese.

The banner is ready for collection from Clifton Moor. Is anybody going that way this week and would be willing to pick it up? Here's where it is, and they've said you don't need to bring identification. Just mention my name and St Mary's Knaresborough. Email me pp.stmary.knaresborough@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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Thank you!



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