

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

Dear People of St Mary's, arrangements and covid restrictions for Mass as per my weekly message last Sunday 25th July. It's still on the website, as are all weekly messages back to March last year.

There was a question about REGISTRATION. 'What if I don't have a mobile phone to scan the QR code?' Answer: Skip it. QR registration is optional but recommended... and impossible if you don't have a mobile phone.

It's Building Loan Fund collection this Sunday at the end of Mass, being first Sunday of the month. Text giving details will be projected at the end of mass as usual. Alternatively you can click the DONATE button at the top of the website homepage. This will take you to DONATE options, including making a one off donation to the Building Loan Fund, or even better – setting up a Standing Order.

For the Offertory Collection, text giving details will be projected before the Offertory as usual. Alternatively you can click the DONATE button at the top of the website homepage. This will take you to DONATE options, eg setting up a Standing Order.

The new Digital Collection Plate in the Atrium gives an alternative way of donating to the Offertory Collection using your plastic. Somebody will be on hand after Mass to guide you. There's also a simple 3-step guide on the bulletin this Sunday.

These options for cash free donating have all been introduced to keep you safe and minimise the risk of viral transmission in the community.

I intend to reintroduce cash giving for those who want to return to that way of giving. This is dependent on having volunteers to do the counting and banking. There are some parish roles that I don't want to presume on existing volunteers as we go forward into a covid endemic world. Cash counting is one of them. Cash is one of the most handled items in society and a potential vehicle for viral transmission. This volunteer role involves handling cash, now with gloves recommended, counting, recording, and depositing at the post office. The cash should be quarantined before handling. If you'd be willing to take on this role please let me know.

Meantime why not try out these cash free methods of giving. You'll be helping to keep each other safe, minimise the risk of viral transmission, and help us in our financial future-proofing for any possible future lockdown we might have to go into.

In case you missed it, I've appointed Rosie Wood our new Hall Manager rosiewood9@hotmail.com 07927 265887. See last Sunday's bulletin for more. Hall and Meeting Room are now back in business and taking bookings. Spread the word!



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