

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

Dear People of St Mary's

I'm back from Ampleforth and the annual community retreat. We were lucky enough to have Abbot Gregory Polan giving the conferences throughout the week. He is the Abbot Primate of the global Benedictine Confederation, and based in Rome.

Since February this year there is a TV screen in the community chapter room wired to the internet so that all members of the community who can't make it back to the abbey can join us online, including for example our brethren in Zimbabwe – Barnabas, Terence and Placid. This is now in use for retreat, chapter, and any other community meetings. I'll be joining the final few retreat conferences online myself, finishing Saturday. This has enabled me to get back to Knaresborough for Friday, catch up a bit on parish business, and get this weekly message out to you, and the bulletin, and other updates onto the website for Saturday morning.

Don't miss the Pop Up Museum we're hosting this weekend in the parish hall. More information on the bulletin, to be found in the usual place on the website homepage.

Provision for Sunday mass is unchanged from recent weeks. All three Sunday masses continue to be livestreamed and with in-church participation. If you're celebrating mass with us in church please check the guidance for in-church participation detailed on my 25th July message which is there on the website homepage along with all other weekly messages back to March 2020.

I'll be away again this week, Tuesday + Wednesday, this time for the August chapter at Ampleforth which always follows the community annual retreat.

Happy Feast of the Assumption this Sunday! Probably a few words about that in the homily.

William

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time, 15th August 2021