

Weekly Message from Fr William
for Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time 2021

Dear People of St Mary's

By the time you read this we will have new automated hand sanitiser dispensers in Atrium x 2 and Porch x 1. Much nicer. Thanks to Vince for supplying and installing these for us.

Please continue to support the parish financially. This is something I neglected to promote in the first six months of the pandemic. It's probably why I've been mentioning it a lot recently. The simplest way to support the parish financially is by text giving during mass at the Offertory and at the second collection for the Building Loan Fund. Don't be shy about getting your mobile phone out, whether you're celebrating mass in-church or by livestream.

Alternatively you can use the Digital Collection Plate in the Atrium. Or visit the DONATE page on the website homepage for other ways of giving.

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

As mentioned a few weeks ago, 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 any of 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.

Thanks as always for your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.