

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

Dear People of St Mary's,

We had a positive case of Coronavirus at the 10am Mass last Sunday 12th September. This was reported to Health and Safety and advice sought. Here is the advice from Health and Safety in response to this case:

The church is well ventilated. Face coverings have been recommended, with the vast majority of the parish following this recommendation. We've been maintaining a one seat gap between families. None of the individual's immediate family tested positive. Parishioners are sanitising their hands on arrival and departure. In view of these Covid measures no further action is required or recommended. Parishioners may wish to consider taking a lateral flow test if they are concerned.

Thank you that this case was reported. And thank you to everybody for maintaining the Covid measures we are keeping in place at this time. It all helps to keep each other safe.

A summary of these Covid measures updated in July can still be found on the homepage of the parish website under Weekly Messages and Updates. Click on the link 'Celebration of Mass by in-church participation'.

13 young members of our parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday at the Sunday 5pm Mass. Congratulations! Let's pray for them.

More of the charities and causes we support are getting fixed up with text giving. That includes Home Mission this Sunday. See bulletin for what Home Mission is about. To donate £5, text CHURCH HMS to 70500.

Almost every item on the bulletin is new this week: Sunday Morning Coffee, Friendship Group, Driving Force, Assisted Dying Bill 2021, and more.

Thank you to those who have been delivering printouts of the Weekly Message and the Bulletin to those currently without internet access.

Best wishes



Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, 19th September 2021