

Weekly Message from Fr William for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dear People of St Mary's,

Here's confirming Dee Oultram's funeral Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 12 noon. If you'd like to be with us for this you can be with us in church or by livestream. If joining us in church, and if you haven't been in church for a while, please read the homepage link 'Celebrating Mass by in-church participation' to familiarise yourself with the current covid safety guidance, and please if possible take a lateral flow test on the day.

Further to last Sunday's message, I'm needing to postpone Parish Pastoral Council elections from Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Preparation for the elections will begin next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January when I will put up on the atrium notice board, as in previous years, a list of those eligible for election, and I'll be asking you to look at the lists and bring to my attention any errors or omissions.

This year we are electing to the PPC a representative to each of three ministry groups: **Formation, Activities, Support**. The parish is continually evolving, and new ministries have sprung up since we last elected representatives to some of these ministry groups. So please help me now to ensure that I have not overlooked a parish ministry that should be in any one of these ministry groups:

**Formation:** Catechesis, Youth Ministry, Family Ministry, Children's Church

**Activities:** SVP, Outreach, Pastoral, Welfare, Welcoming, Shop

**Support:** EW scheduling, Maintenance, Cleaning, Gardening, EW scheduling.

Please let me know early this week if there is any other parish ministry that should be included in any one of these ministry groups. Thanks.

As mentioned in my message last Sunday, the vote will be given to everybody on the parish database. It will come to you by the email address we have for you on the database. This is a good opportunity to get yourself on the database if you're not already. How do you know if you're on the parish database? Last week's message explains how to be sure. Arrangements will of course be made for those on the database without email. Give me a call on 01423 862388 if that's you.

I'm due to come out of covid self-isolation this Sunday (16<sup>th</sup> Jan), with Saturday being my Day 10 (final isolation day) ... but I'm making this Sunday livestream only again for all three Sunday masses, just to be on the safe side. Arrangements exactly the same as detailed in last Sunday's weekly message, including for Holy Communion.

Looking forward to seeing you back in church !



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