

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

Dear People of St Mary's,

Parish Pastoral Council. You have elected Richard Martin, Angela Smith and Catherine Foster to the PPC. A big thank you to all those who accepted nomination, their willingness to respond to this call and to serve the parish in this capacity. Your generosity is much appreciated, and also helped to maintain the democratic process that I believe is important for the composition of the council.

A big thank you also to two people for their time and expertise helping to set up and launch the online voting system: Sarah McCann for the administration of the project, which involved getting to grips with the programme and setting it all up; Chris Clissitt for handling the data, and providing the GDPR expertise; both of them for their input as we focussed in together on the details of the project and worked together towards an optimal online voting system for our parish.

PPC meets this Monday. See bulletin for a link to the agenda.

With the increasing of prices at the pump, could this be an additional reason for walking or cycling to church? Along with all the other obvious advantages – no problems ever again with parking, great to keep fit and get your daily steps in, doing our bit to save the planet, a mini sense of pilgrimage each Sunday, and solidarity with millions of other Christians around the world for whom walking to church is the only option. Obviously you need to balance this against safety for yourself and the family as well. I know many of our parishioners already walk to church, including some of our senior members, and walking across town too, setting us all a great example. Or there's always the car sharing option.

Covid measures unchanged from last Sunday for those celebrating mass with the parish in church. Click on the homepage link 'Celebration of mass by in-church participation' for the current measures. This is still being kept under review, and will be in particular at the end of the month when the government makes its next review.

God bless you and your family



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