

Weekly Message from Fr William for Third Sunday of Easter 2022

Dear People of St Mary's

I hope you're having a wonderful Eastertide!

In December the parish took part in the Synod 2021-2023, a worldwide consultation exercise initiated by Pope Francis. Around 40 members of the parish took part, and very effectively. As well as informing our own PPC consultation and our own parish pastoral ministry, the responses we gave ([link on the website homepage](#)) will form part of the Leeds diocesan report to the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales as part of the preparatory work for the Synod of Bishops in 2023.

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May in St Mary's at 7.00pm the parish will hold a second consultation exercise, springing from the Synod, but specific to the Diocese of Leeds. This will be an opportunity, along with the other parishes, to help identify the pastoral priorities specific to our diocese. This diocesan phase of the Synod is being called 'Parish to Mission' for our diocese. See bulletin for more information, including the questions that will be asked.

Chris Wood looked after the little triangle in the church garden as mentioned in last weekly message. If anybody would like to take this on please get in touch.

Fundraising. I put out the call last Sunday for any individual or group to offer and put on a fundraising event for the parish. It could also be a social event at the same time. I held back from suggesting anything, not wanting to stifle your inventiveness and creativity to come up with new ideas for fundraising events that we haven't tried before. However, there are also tried and tested events that have worked well in the past, thanks to the work and creativity of the outgoing fundraising team, and to their own predecessors, and became well established and successful annual events. St Mary's Bed Race Café is one such, and the Bed Race is coming up soon on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June. So if anyone would be willing and able to take on the running of another Bed Race Café for Bed Race 2022 I'd love to hear from you, as well as anybody that would like to help out as part of a Bed Race Café team. Just drop me an email. See bulletin.

Happy Easter !

