

Weekly Message from Fr William for Sixth Sunday of Easter 2022

Dear People of St Mary's

This Sunday is International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians. See bulletin for more information.

Thank you those who joined in the parish consultation exercise on Wednesday. I for one found it helpful to discuss and listen to your aspirations for the future of our parish.

The latest preparation course for the Sacrament of Confirmation was completed last Sunday. These fifteen young people have been preparing since February and will be confirmed in the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 12th June at the 5pm Mass.

I outlined in my last message some of the events that will be happening in town to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. See website homepage, weekly message 15th May. It's less than two weeks away now.

In addition, as a parish, we will be planting a new tree in the church garden to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee. Date and time to be confirmed, but it will probably be on the Saturday 4th June to coincide with the other events going on that day between 1200 and 1630. I'll confirm the day and time in next Sunday's weekly message. The new tree will be a Himalayan Birch. Estimated cost of tree, delivery and preparation is £250 including VAT. If anyone would like to make a contribution towards the Platinum Jubilee Tree please get in touch, eg by email.

Looking beyond the jubilee, I have had three volunteers to put on a Bed Race Café on Saturday 11th June. We could really do with a few more volunteers to help them with this. Please get in touch and let me know if you would be willing and able to help. You would be helping make it a great day for lots of people, and also helping the parish to raise much needed funds in our ongoing fundraising work.

God bless you and your family especially in this Easter season.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William".

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Sunday 22 may 2022