

Weekly Message from Fr William for Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time 2022

Dear People of St Mary's

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Monday 5th July. The main item on the agenda was to continue studying and taking on board the parish responses you gave to the Synod 2021-2023 questions when many of you met with me in December 2021. Those responses are still on the website for anybody that would like to see. The transcripts are on a link on the homepage called Synod 2021-2023 St Mary's Knaresborough. The original manuscripts can be viewed on the Events page.

Also on the website you'll find the minutes of the PPC february 2022 meeting which were approved at the council meeting on Monday 5th July.

Since the elections to the PPC in February I have also appointed two new members. You can see who is on the council if you go the Parish Pastoral Council page under Parish Life, including a photo and a brief written profile.

This Sunday a small group of young parishioners will be coming together to celebrate Mass with us at our 10am Mass. This is the most recent group to have completed their initiation into the Sacrament of the Eucharist with Holy Communion. This they did individually, surrounded by their families, on a date chosen by them, and were each given a personal welcome into our Eucharistic community. Now on this Sunday they will all celebrate together in this their plenary mass.

On Wednesday this week I will be celebrating Mass with the school in school. This is the annual end of school year mass, dedicated to Our Lady, in which we give thanks for all the blessings received during the course of the year, ending with a Leavers' Blessing, conferred by the whole school, on our Year 6 Leavers. There'll be no in-church or livestream mass this Wednesday.

A big thank you to Helen Tomlinson and all the amazing staff at this amazing school of ours. Term ends this Friday. May they have a wonderful and well-deserved break over the summer holidays.

