

Weekly Message from Fr William for the Fifth Sunday of Lent 2023

Dear People of St Mary's

This Sunday our Eucharistic Ministers will be recommissioned/commissioned. This will be at the Sunday mass they generally celebrate and will be ministering at. We have fifteen current and, I'm delighted to say, five new Eucharistic Ministers. Their ministry comprises assisting at mass and taking Holy Communion to our housebound parishioners.

This commissioning follows our annual 'Refresh' evening last Wednesday. It involves reviewing, discussing and confirming the different aspects of the ministry.

Eucharistic Ministers are currently ministering to fifteen parishioners in their homes. Some of these are now celebrating mass with us by livestream and receive Holy Communion from that same mass from a Eucharistic Minister at their home. Going forward, this opportunity may be the future for many when they can no longer join us in church. If anyone in the parish would be willing to help practically with helping our elders to get set up with broadband/dongle + choosing a device + familiarisation I'd love to hear from you.

Here's a heads up for Mass times during the Easter Octave.

<i>Octave of Easter 2023</i>		<i>Sunday cycle A / Weekday cycle 1</i>	
Day	Rank	Service time	
Sun 9 apr	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	Easter Vigil: 8.30 pm	*L-IC*
		Mass: Sun 10.00 am	*L-IC*
		Mass: Sun 5.00 pm	*L-IC*
Mon 10 apr	MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE	11.00am Mass	*L-IC*
Tue 11 apr	TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE	<i>No service</i>	
Wed 12 apr	WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE	12.00noon Mass	*L-IC*
Thu 13 apr	THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE	<i>No service</i>	
Fri 14 apr	FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE	7.00pm Mass	*L-IC*
Sat 15 apr	SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE	11.00am Easter Children's Mass	
Sun 16 apr	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER	Mass: 6.00 pm	*L-IC*
		Mass: Sun 10.00 am	*L-IC*
		Mass: Sun 5.00 pm	*L-IC*

As per the Octave of Christmas this follows PPC recommendation to give some variety of mass times in the Octave to suit individual needs. The Easter Children's Mass on Easter Saturday is for children and their families and won't be livestreamed, ie same arrangements as for the Christmas Children's Mass.

God bless you



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