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Lockdown Wedding Preparation
Informal meeting, Monday 25th January - via Zoom at 7:30pm.

I do hope this greeting finds you well at what is a challenging time for everyone. Clearly given lockdown we are unable to gather next Monday for our usual evening of wedding preparation. However, I am sure you have many questions and so, we thought you may like to join with me and some of the team via Zoom on Monday for a time together to reflect and perhaps share ideas as we look to the rest of 2021 and pray, we may return soon to some sort of normality.

It will also be an opportunity for me to share with you the latest thinking and planning at St Mary's as we anticipate some form of social distancing measures could remain in place, perhaps until the autumn.

I do hope you will be able to join us for this special gathering online.

Zoom code:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83676341044?pwd=MWNZNZTdHZE5MOGZjdmdR1T2h1aFJpQT09>
Meeting ID: 836 7634 1044, Passcode: 039550

During this lockdown we have changed our services pattern and are asking the congregation to watch worship live: <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchThorpe>

St Mary's Church has remained open, with a reduced capacity of 30 (socially distanced seats at 2m spacing in Church) on the following days and times weekly:

Sunday 10am Parish Eucharist - Max 30 people, 60 minutes long.

Wednesday 10am Said Eucharist - Max 30 people, 30 minutes long.

Saturday 10am Said Eucharist – Max 30 people, 30 minutes long.

(The Sunday 8am Said Eucharist has been suspended until Easter Day)

All three services are open to a small congregation, should you wish to attend anyway or need to have your banns read during this time (until/unless the Government mandate the closure of Church buildings). I should add that all are discouraged from conversations before and after services, as we seek to keep everyone in church as safe as possible.

The whole team keep you very much in our prayers, especially those whose weddings have already been posted (in one case twice!) – you are an amazing group of people and soon we pray you will be able to celebrate your big day with those whom you love, in beautiful St Mary's Church.

With kind regards and prayers,

Father Damian Harrison-Miles.

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