

Notice from the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales

"The Bishops' Conference of England & Wales has agreed that the cessation of public liturgies will begin from Friday evening 20th March.

On account of this grave situation, the obligation for Catholics to attend Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation is removed, until further notice. Priests will celebrate mass daily in private.

Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick will be deferred/cease until we are permitted to gather once again in public.

Funerals should take place at the graveside or at a crematorium, subject to the conditions laid down by the local authorities. Arrangements should be made for a Mass to be celebrated "in memoriam" when congregations are allowed to gather.

If you are able to support the parish financially in the coming weeks please can you either put a cash or cheque donation in a clearly marked envelope through the presbytery letter box, or post donations (cheques only please to St. Mary's RC Parish) to parish address: St. Mary's Church, 103 Alcester Road Studley, B80 7NW. Thank you.

Merciful God, come to the help of your people.

Be our shelter in this time of peril and strengthen the bonds of our community.

Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease and assist those whose skill and art can put an end to this affliction.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for me as I pray for you at this very difficult time and may the Lord bring us consolation and Peace.

God Bless ~ Fr. Benedict.