

St Mary's Knaresborough

Saturday 28th March 2020

Dear People of St Mary's and online visitors to our parish

In line with the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday (23rd March 2020) we're keeping the church closed for now until the situation changes, along with all the other churches in the diocese. That's why you'll see just me in church this time for Mass if you're joining us online for 5th Sunday of Lent. Hopefully these restrictions won't be too long and we can return to our long standing practice of keeping the church open all day seven days a week. Meantime, you can keep up to speed with what's happening in the parish via the parish website, especially at this time with a constantly evolving situation, and there's email or phone if you need to get in contact with me. See link [more detailed information from william](#) for more detailed information about current arrangements for the provision of sacraments and other aspects of our parish life.

Don't worry that we can't come together for Mass at the moment. Don't anybody worry that you're not fulfilling your Sunday obligation. You are fulfilling your obligation now by staying at home. You will receive God's grace. He knows how to reach you with his grace and with his love.

It's a bonus that we can still celebrate mass together on line. Do join me online if you can each Sunday so we can continue to celebrate mass together, me here in the church and you from your homes. The link is on the website and should be available by Saturday 6pm each Sunday if I get my act together. And spread the word. It's one way we can be together each Sunday at least.

Best wishes, and keep safe, and have a good week!



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