

A Letter from Father Graham

'Who can separate us from the love of God made known to us in Christ Jesus.' *Romans 8 . 39*

Dear Parishioners

As many of you will now be aware, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, as a response to the Coronavirus pandemic, have suspended all public worship in our churches. Clearly, this is an unprecedented situation for all of us, but it is important during these days we follow official advice in order to keep each other safe, save lives and support the NHS.

During this time when we are unable to meet together, please consult our parish website (www.stpetersbromsgrove.co.uk) for up to date information.

I will continue to celebrate Mass on Sunday and weekdays, but sadly without a congregation, and you are invited to join with me in a spiritual communion by saying the prayer on our website. In this way we can be joined together in prayer and your Mass Intentions be fulfilled.

It is important that everyone knows that during this period, the Bishops have removed the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.

In times of spiritual desolation, I have often found Chapter 8 of St Paul's Letter to the Romans to be a great source of consolation. I recommend it to you in this Year of the Word. Spend the time you would have been at Mass prayerfully reading the scriptures. I am sure you will find it worthwhile.

Thank you for your personal concern. I will miss you!

May God bless you and keep you safe until we all meet again.

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