

Parish of St Sylvester

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Dear Parents/Guardians

It has been announced that the Catholic Church in England will suspend public Masses and liturgies **from this Friday, 20th March and 'until further notice'** to delay the spread of the coronavirus.

This decision has been taken following official advice and consultation with the Bishops of all Archdioceses and Dioceses and of England and Wales and takes into consideration the need to keep each other safe, save lives and support the NHS.

This suspension of public Masses, it specifically states, will include First Holy Communion Masses.

Therefore, as I am sure you will understand, the Masses due to be held in May in this parish will be **postponed**. We cannot, at this time, give you an indication of when they will take place, but please be assured that as soon as we are given advice that we can once again celebrate together safely, we will make our arrangements again.

This is an unprecedented situation, but I am sure that you will understand the need for everyone to do everything we can to serve the best interests of every single member of our community.

Yours sincerely

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Parish Priest

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