



23 March 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Beginning today, the Victorian Premier, Daniel Andrews, announced the complete shutdown of all non-essential activities, including places of worship. For us, this means that the Church will not be open even for private prayer. This is a sad and difficult announcement on my part, but we have to abide by what is required of us to fight the spread of corona virus in our community.

We will continue to celebrate mass without the physical presence of the congregation, and offer it for all in our parish community, for all who are affected by COVID19, and the alleviation of the present crisis.

We invite you to visit our parish website, [www.smmchadstone.com.au](http://www.smmchadstone.com.au) for more updates. You can also visit the Archdiocese of Melbourne website, [www.cam.org.au](http://www.cam.org.au).

You can also participate in the celebration of the Sunday Mass at home by visiting the following links that provides live streaming of the mass: [www.stmichaelsashburton.org](http://www.stmichaelsashburton.org)

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

[www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass](http://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass)

You can download from our website the full text of the readings for Sundays and Act of Spiritual Communion. If you know someone who has no access to internet, especially if you have an elderly neighbour that you know, please print the bulletin and share it with them.

Anointing of the sick in extreme circumstances is, however, still available upon request (subject to change). Please ring the parish office 98071466 to schedule an appointment. Also, ring the Parish if you want to offer Mass for particular intentions especially anniversaries that may be occurring this period.

During this time of crisis, it is important that we still need to extend our care for one another, especially the elderly members of our community. Please let us know if you are able to assist our elderly parishioners to buy and deliver essential needs for them. We will need to follow precautionary measures. Even a simple phone call will do wonders.

For our elderly parishioners who needs assistance, please contact the parish office and leave a message with your number and we will contact you as soon as we can.

We pray that during this time of crisis, we still hold on to each other in the love of Christ as we approach the great mystery of our salvation in the coming celebration of the commemoration of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. Let us still look after one another and share the love of Christ in this challenging time.

God bless you all!

Yours in Christ,

Rev Laurence Cortez  
Parish Administrator

Rev Martin Ajiboye  
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