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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The human family is facing a most serious crisis with the Covid-19   * We must be mindful of the common good, always weighing our actions in terms of their possible ramifications and effects on other citizens. * So long as it is possible, St Patrick’s will continue as a “spiritual oasis”. * The doors will be open from 7.00am until 6.00pm Monday through Sunday for prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament * The Sacrament of Reconciliation will continue until further notice on a reduced schedule. Please check the web ite [http://www.stpatschurchhill.org](https://stpatschurchill.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=074db02db7dda425c007d25c6&id=9d06f1ffca&e=dbb4c11bc9) * The Priests will continue to be here for you as usual. Please do not hesitate to contact us – 9254 9800  Whilst the Catholic Catechism rightly reminds us of our Sunday obligation – see #2042 and #2180 – it also reminds us that the faithful are excused from this obligation “for a serious reason (for example illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor” (#2181). During the coronavirus threat, you should consider yourself dispensed from the Sunday obligation. You are encouraged to give time to personal prayer and Prayer of the Church.   From midnight  FRIDAY 20 March and until further notice:   * Public Masses will not be celebrated at St Patrick’s. * The Wednesday Novena will be suspended. * The Coffee Shop will be closed. * Groups that normally meet in the crypt, the music room or Level 5, will not be permitted to meet there. * The Aquinas Academy is suspending all courses. Check the web site.   **Let us pray:** Loving God watch over all the peoples of our world during this special time of trial. Give wisdom to those in leadership and special strength to those who care for the sick. Deepen our faith that our trust in You may not falter. Open our hearts that we may be generous in our response to those in special need. Enliven us with the Spirit of Jesus that we may bring His Presence wherever we go.  For further announcements: [http://www.stpatschurchhill.org](https://stpatschurchill.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=074db02db7dda425c007d25c6&id=fa47a5f2f9&e=dbb4c11bc9)   ***Michael Whelan SM*** Parish Priest 18 March 2020 | | |