Beloved sons and daughters in our Lord, members of the Assyrian Church of the East in the parishes of Sydney and surrounds; Prayers and blessings receive:

As we have observed that the COVID-19 illness has slowly started spreading in a number of close locations in our city, it has been resolved that the participation of faithful in the celebration of the Holy Qurbana will be suspended.

One priest accompanied by a number of deacons will celebrate the Qurbana and read the names of the deceased as requested.

This suspension will remain in place until we inform you in the future when churches will be opened so that we may join together in prayer and supplication of our merciful God that He may save the world from all trials and give health to those who are sick through the prayers of our Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all always.

In Christ,

Mar Meelis Zaia AM
Archbishop
Dear Parishioners,

During this season of Holy Week, we find ourselves in a situation that none of us would have predicted just a few weeks ago. The COVID-19 pandemic has spread to every corner of the globe, and we are now experiencing its impact in our community.

We have made the difficult decision to cancel all Masses and Sacraments until further notice. This includes Holy Week. We understand the deep spiritual significance of these events, and we offer our sincere prayers for the health and safety of our entire community.

We encourage you to continue to follow the guidelines set forth by the Australian Government and the Archdiocese of Sydney. Most importantly, please stay home if you are feeling unwell or if you have been in close contact with someone who is.

Let us pray for one another and for a rapid return to normalcy. We will continue to keep you updated as the situation develops.

May God bless you and your families.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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احبتنَا ابناء وبنات كنيسة المشرق الآشورية، رعیات سیدنی وما حولها
تقبلوا سلامنا وبركاتنا

قد بدأ تدريجياً بالازدياد في بعض الأماكن COVID-19 نلاحظ ان وباء
القربية من مدينتنا، لذلك تقرر إيقاف مشاركة المؤمنين في قداسات القربان
المقدس

سوف يقوم كاهن واحد مع بضعة شمامسة في عمل القداس وسوف يتم ذكر
أسماء المتوفين الذين يطلبون ذلك خلال القداس

وسيبتبر هذا الإيقاف لحين اشعاركم مستقبلاً بفتح الكنائس، لكي نشارك جميعنا
بالصلاة والتطوع إلى الله الحنان، ليخلص العالم من هذه المحن ويعطي الشفاء
للمرضى، بصلوات امنا المباركة، الطوباية مريم العذراء

نعمة ربنا يسوع المسيح تكون معنا جميعاً الى الابد

يوسف ميلس زيا
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