

Solemn Mass to mark ANZAC Day

24 April 2023 5.30pm The Mass is celebrated by The Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxillary Bishop of Sydney. Master of ceremonies is Fr Daniele Russo.

The Mass is concelebrated by past and present Chaplains of the Australian Defence Force and clergy of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

The Mass is sung by the St Mary's Cathedral Special Service Choir, conducted by Simon Niemiński, Acting Director of Music.

The organs of St Mary's Cathedral are played by David Drury.

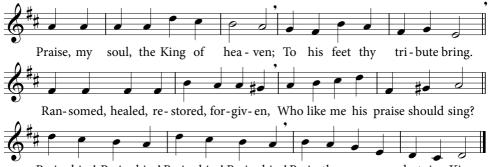
The Brass Quartet from the Australian Army Band, Sydney, is directed by CPL David Willis

TO MAINTAIN A SPIRIT OF REVERENCE AND SOLEMNITY, PLEASE TURN OFF AND REFRAIN FROM USING ALL MOBILE TELEPHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

ORDER OF MASS

At the sound of the Sacristy bell all stand and sing

THE HYMN



Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praisethe ev - er - last-ing King.

Praise him for his grace and favour To our fathers in distress; Praise him still the same for ever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless. Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Angels, help us to adore him; Ye behold him face to face; Sun and moon, bow down before him; Dwellers all in time and space. Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise with us the God of grace.

Praise, my soul John Goss (1800–1880) Psalm 103 Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

All remain standing as the Procession moves to the Sanctuary.

During the incensation of the altar the choir sings

THE INTROIT

1 Peter 2:2; Psalm 80:2

UASI modo geniti infantes, alleluia: rationabile, sine dolo lac concupiscite, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. 🕅 Exsultate Deo adiutori nostro: iubilate Deo Iacob.

Like newborn infants, alleluia, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, alleluia. V. Ring out your joy to God our strength, shout in triumph to the God of Jacob.

All make the Sign of the Cross as The Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxillary Bishop of Sydney, says

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

Peace be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

All remain standing.

The flags of the Royal Australian Navy, Australian Army, and Royal Australian Air Force are carried through the Cathedral and placed in the Sanctuary.

The Bishop welcomes the congregation, and then begins

THE PENITENTIAL ACT

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

After a brief silence all say

I CONFESS to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

All strike their breast thrice, saying

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Bishop gives the absolution, saying

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

All sit.

The choir sings

THE KYRIE

Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Missa O quam gloriosum Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

All stand.

The Bishop says

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, who sent your Son to die that we might live, grant, we pray, eternal rest to those who gave themselves in service and sacrifice for their country. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WGCDR Merridy Thompson OAM reads

THE FIRST READING

Wisdom 3:1-9

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

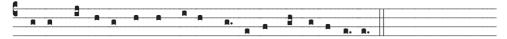
THE souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace. If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be. God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust. When the time comes for his visitation they will shine out; as sparks run through the stubble, so will they. They shall judge nations, rule over peoples, and the Lord will be their king for ever. They who trust in him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

All remain seated.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 114:5-6,115:10-11,15-16 R. v.1



I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

All sing the antiphon after it is sung by the choir, and after each verse.

The choir sings the verses:

How gracious is the Lord, and just; Our God has compassion The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me R. I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted', and when I said in my alarm 'No man can be trusted'. R. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. R?

CMDR Simon Kelly CSM RAN reads

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

THE language of the cross may be illogical to those who are not on the way to salvation, but those of us who are on the way see it as God's power to save. As scripture says: *I shall destroy the wisdom of the wise and bring to nothing all the learning of the learned. Where are the philosophers now? Where are the scribes?* Where are any of our thinkers today? Do you see now how God has shown up the foolishness of human wisdom? If it was God's wisdom that human wisdom should not know God, it was because God wanted to save those who have faith through the foolishness of the message that we preach. And so, while the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

All stand for

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Revelations 14:13

All sing the Alleluia after it is sung by the choir, and repeat after the verse.



The choir sings the verse:

Happy are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them! R?

The Deacon reads

THE GOSPEL

John 12:23-28

The Lord be with you.

R? And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R[×] Glory to you, O Lord.

JESUS said to Andrew and Philip: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit.

THE HOMILY

is given by The Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers *Auxillary Bishop of Sydney* Following the Homily, all stand to say

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

D BELIEVE in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

All bow during the following line:

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

All remain standing.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

The Bishop says

REMEMBERING our brave men and women who sacrificed themselves for the freedom of our nation, we turn to God the almighty Father and humbly implore his Divine Mercy as we entrust their lives and our needs to him.

General The Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK AC (Mil) CVO MC (Ret'd) says

For the Church throughout the world, that her mission of salvation may be advanced in every place and her works of mercy be healing for all people,

let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For those entrusted with the work of the government, that our leaders may serve the cause of right and strive to establish true justice on earth, supporting all who keep our nation secure and free,

let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For nations at war and places torn by conflict and violence, that a forgiving spirt may lead to diplomatic solutions and that the desire for peace may prevail over the causes of human division and hostility,

let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For the peace of all peoples, especially for war veterans, returned service personnel; for refugees and for all those who suffer from the painful effects of war, that they may know the light which darkness can never overcome and receive strength and hope from the celebration of Christ's Resurrection from the dead,

let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves and for all who will gather for our annual remembrance of the Gallipoli campaign, that this day may be for us an everlasting memorial of the coming of age of our nation, and a perpetual reminder of the responsibilities we bear as citizens of Australia and of New Zealand to our countries and to the Commonwealth,

let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have laid down their lives for us in the cause of freedom and for all our beloved departed who we remember at this Mass, may they rest in peace and rise with Christ in Glory,

let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

The Bishop concludes

ALMIGHTY ever-living God, your Divine Mercy offers salvation to all and your desire is that no one should perish, receive these prayers we make to you today and lead us to the everlasting peace that we long for. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

All sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

All remain seated to sing

all earth-ly things a - bove, to thee, my coun - try, vow and whole and per - fect, the En tire ser-vice of my love: love that asks no ques-tion, the____ The_ love that stands the test, 0 dear-est and That_ lays up-on the al - tar the the best; The_ love that ne - ver fal - ters, the love that pays the price, The love that makes un - daunt - ed fi-nal sa - cri - fice. the

> And there's another country, I've heard of long ago, Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know; We may not count her armies, we may not see her King; Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering; And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase, And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

Thaxted Gustav Holst (1874–1934)

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice (1859–1918)

THE OFFERTORY MOTET

HOLY is the True Light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict. From Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia!

Sir William Harris (1883–1973)

All stand as the thurifer incenses the congregation.

The Bishop says

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

ℜ May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

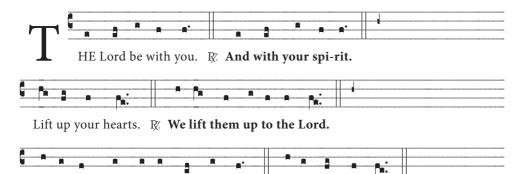
The Bishop says

THE PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

GRANT, O heavenly Father, that the sacrifice of Christ, who laid down his life for his friends, may raise all those who have died in war to the victory of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

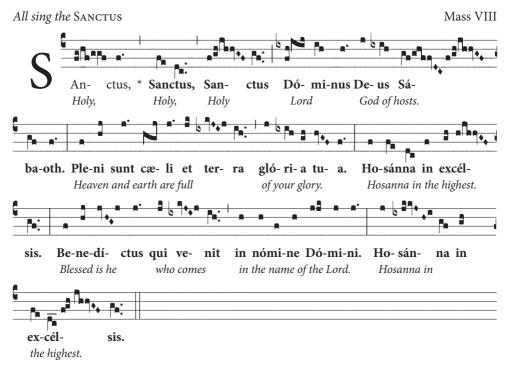
THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

THE PREFACE

T is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but in this time above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. He never ceases to offer himself for us but defends us an ever pleads our cause before you: he is the sacrifical Victim who dies no more, the Lamb, once slain, who lives for ever. Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:



All kneel.

THE ROMAN CANON

The Bishop says

TO you, therefore, most merciful Father, we make humble prayer and petition through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord: that you accept and bless these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices, which we offer you firstly for your holy catholic Church. Be pleased to grant her peace, to guard, unite and govern her throughout the whole world, together with your servant Francis our Pope, Archbishop Anthony and me, your unworthy servant, assistant Bishop Danny, and all those who, holding to the truth, hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

Remember, Lord, your servants and all gathered here, whose faith and devotion are known to you. For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise or they offer it for themselves and all who are dear to them: for the redemption of their souls, in hope of health and well-being, and paying their homage to you, the eternal God, living and true.

Celebrating the most sacred day of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh, and in communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially the glorious ever-virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ, and blessed Joseph, her Spouse, your blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude; Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian and all your Saints; we ask that through their merits and prayers, in all things we may be defended by your protecting help.

Therefore, Lord, we pray: graciously accept this oblation of our service, that of your whole family, which we make to you also for those to whom you have been pleased to give the new birth of water and the Holy Spirit, granting them forgiveness of all their sins; order our days in your peace, and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation and counted among the flock of those you have chosen.

Be pleased, O God, we pray, to bless, acknowledge, and approve this offering in every respect; make it spiritual and acceptable, so that it may become for us the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer, he took bread in his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes raised to heaven to you, O God, his almighty Father, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

The Bishop shows the consecrated host to the congregation, then sets it down, and genuflects in adoration.

The Bishop continues

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took this precious chalice in his holy and venerable hands, and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

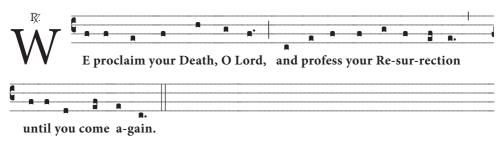
TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The Bishop shows the chalice to the congregation, then sets it down, and genuflects in adora-tion.

The Bishop sings

The mystery of faith.

All respond



The Bishop continues

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion, the Resurrection from the dead, and the glorious Ascension into heaven of Christ, your Son, our Lord, we, your servants and your holy people, offer to your glorious majesty from the gifts that you have given us, this pure victim, this holy victim, this spotless victim, the holy Bread of eternal life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Be pleased to look upon these offerings with a serene and kindly countenance, and to accept them, as once you were pleased to accept the gifts of your servant Abel the just, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith, and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek, a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God: command that these gifts be borne by the hands of your holy Angel to your altar on high in the sight of your divine majesty, so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.

Remember also, Lord, your servants, who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace. Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace.

To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners, hope in your abundant mercies, graciously grant some share and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs: with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia and all your Saints; admit us, we beseech you, into their company, not weighing our merits, but granting us your pardon, through Christ our Lord. Through whom you continue to make all these good things, O Lord; you sanctify them, fill them with life, bless them, and bestow them upon us.

The Bishop sings

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All respond



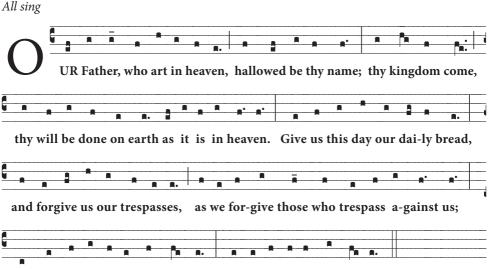
ℝ. **A-men.**

All stand.

THE COMMUNION RITE

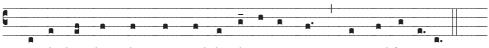
The Bishop sings

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:



and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e- vil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



 $\ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}$ For the kingdom, the power and the glo-ry are yours $\ensuremath{\mathsf{now}}$ and for ev-er.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R? And with your spirit.

THE AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Missa O quam gloriosum Tomás Luis de Victoria

All kneel.

The Bishop shows the host to the congregation, saying

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

ℜ Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Catholics who have made the proper spiritual and sacramental preparation may come forward in the procession to receive Holy Communion. The sacred host must be consumed in the presence of the communion minister.

The choir sings

THE COMMUNION MOTET

MANY waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

John Ireland (1879-1962)

All sing

THE HYMN



And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin:

> Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, How great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, How great thou art, how great thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home—what joy shall fill my heart! Then shall I bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim: My God, how great thou art!

How Great Thou Art Swedish folk melody arr. Stuart K Hine (1899–1989) Russian hymn tr. Stuart K Hine All stand.

The Bishop says

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

 $B^{\rm Y}$ our communion with this Sacrament, O Lord, grant us, we pray, fortitude in the casue of right, and may our rememberance of those who have died in war make us ardent defenders of your peace. Through Christ our Lord

R. Amen.

All remain standing.

The Tri-Service Flag party returns to the Sanctuary.

The Bishop and Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of New South Wales, are escorted to the Catholic Soldiers Memorial where they lay a wreath on behalf of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, and the people of New South Wales.

Mr Ray James OAM, NSW RSL State President, reads

THE ODE OF REMEMBRANCE

THEY shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them.

 \mathbb{R}^{\prime} We will remember them.

Lest we forget.

R. Lest we forget.

The Last Post is sounded.

Silence is kept.

Reveille is sounded.

All sing

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

A USTRALIANS all let us rejoice, For we are one and free; We've golden soil and wealth for toil; Our home is girt by sea; Our land abounds in nature's gifts Of beauty rich and rare; In history's page, let every stage Advance Australia Fair. In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia Fair.

The Tri-Service Flag party departs.

All remain standing.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Bishop says

The Lord be with you.

R? And with your spirit.

The Deacon says

Bow down for the blessing.

The Bishop continues

May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son was pleased to confer on you the gift of redemption and of adoption, give you gladness by his blessing.

R. Amen.

May he, by whose redeeming work you have received the gift of everlasting freedom, make you heirs to an eternal inheritance.

R. Amen.

And may you, who have already risen with Christ in Baptism through faith, by living in a right manner on this earth, be united with him in the homeland of heaven.

R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.



R Thanks be to God, al-le-lú-ia, al-le-lú-ia.

Music after the Mass:

Sir Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

Nimrod