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LEADERS HONOUR WAR VETERANS AT ANZAC EVE MASS

Past and present veterans of war will be honoured at the annual Anzac Eve Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on **Wednesday 24 April at 5:30pm.**

New South Wales Governor, His Excellency, The Hon David Hurley will join with defence commanders and diplomatic representatives for the Mass celebrated by the Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP.

The Acting Consul General of the USA, Ms Linda Daetwyler, the Consul General of France, Mr Nicholas Crozier and the Consul General of Turkey Mr Melih Karalor will also attend.

Archbishop Fisher and Governor Hurley will lead a wreath laying ceremony towards the end of the Mass. An army band will also signal the Last Post.

Archbishop Fisher said the Anzac Vigil Mass is an important way of honouring the sacrifice made by past and current members of the defence force in service of Australia and those of all nations who have died in war.

“We remember with prayerful gratitude those who have suffered or are presently in harm's way for the sake of our freedom”, Archbishop Fisher said.

“We pray that we may never be tested as they were tested; and to recommit ourselves to their worthy ideals.”

The Australian Navy will be represented by Lieutenant Commander Simon Kelly and the Australian Airforce by Air Commander Stephen Robertson. The President of RSL NSW, Mr James Brown and the CEO of Sydney Legacy, Mr John Hutcheson will also be in attendance.

Members of the media wishing to attend the Anzac Eve Mass are asked to meet Michael Kenny at the College St entrance to St Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday 24 April at 5pm.

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