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WAR VETERANS AND CURRENT PERSONNEL HONOURED AT ANZAC EVE MASS

The NSW Governor, Her Excellency the Hon. Margaret Beazley AC QC will join with senior defence personnel and diplomatic representatives to honour war veterans and serving defence personnel at an ANZAC Eve Mass at St Mary's Cathedral at **6pm this evening**.

The Mass will be celebrated by the Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP.

The Consul General of Timor Leste, Mr Luciano Valentim Da Conceicao, the Consul General of Fiji, Mr Ratu Orisi Raviso and the Consul General of the Republic of Ireland, Ms Adrienne Hickey will attend the Mass as will the President of RSL NSW, Mr Ray James.

Archbishop Fisher and Governor Beazley will lead a wreath laying ceremony towards the end of the Mass at the Grave of the Unknown Soldier. An army band will also signal the Last Post.

Archbishop Fisher said the ANZAC Eve Mass is a good opportunity to gather to remember those who have lost their lives in past conflicts.

"Through this annual Mass, we also remember those still suffering from injury or loss in their time in the armed services and those still serving our nation today", Archbishop Fisher said.

"In celebrating the ANZACs, we can celebrate what is best in our history, country and ourselves. We commit to seeking to be worthy of their lives and deaths and we can honour their legacy by helping those who have survived but are hurting", he added.

Members of the media wishing to attend the Anzac Eve Mass should contact Michael Kenny on 0438-046-406 by 4pm today. They are then asked to meet Michael at the College Street entrance to St Mary's Cathedral by 5:30pm.

The Mass will be livestreamed via the St Mary's Cathedral You Tube Channel here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GClc1bWy6xg>

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