

# SYDNEY, A PLACE OF PILGRIMAGE



Sydney has a number of places that will support prayer and pilgrimage. There are 12 Jubilee Churches.



**1 St Mary's Basilica (the Mother Church of Australia)**, where devotion to "Our Lady of the Southern Cross" is promoted and where an original painting by Paul Newton was installed prior to WYD08 and blessed by Pope Benedict XVI. The Basilica is also home to the recently installed artwork "St Joseph and the Holy Family" by Sydney artist, Sally Ryan. The artwork was created in the year of St Joseph to celebrate St Joseph and his significance as Patron of the Universal Church. A relic of Saint Francis Xavier is also housed in the Basilica. Four canonised saints have visited this cathedral to date and it was the centre of worship for the 500,000 who took part in the World Youth Day celebrations in 2008.

**2 The Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel and Mary MacKillop Place Museum**, dedicated to St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first Saint. The Chapel was built in 1913, and St Mary's remains were moved to what was the original vestry of the Chapel in 1994. Since her beatification in 1995 and canonisation in 2010, thousands of people have come on pilgrimage to pray and reflect at her tomb. The Shrine is located in North Sydney, a short distance from the Sydney CBD, and can be easily reached by train or ferry.



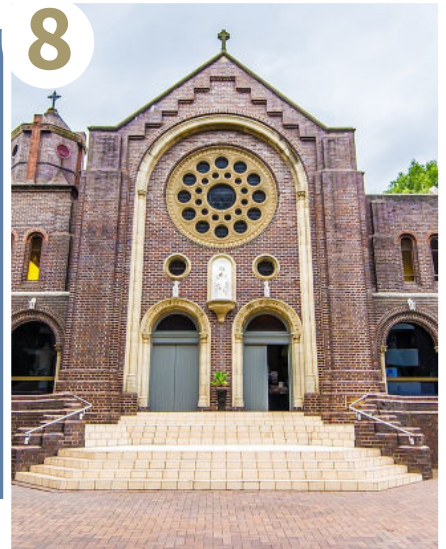
**3 The Parish of St Brigid's, Coogee**, contains Our Lady's Home, museum and Chapel of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor, Australia's Saint-in-waiting is a short distance from central Sydney.

**4 The Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Waterloo**, where Eileen O'Connor attended Mass and school, is also only a short distance from central Sydney.

**5 St Patrick's Church Hill**, The Rocks Sydney, the site of the earliest Catholic devotions in Australia where the laity kept alive the faith by praying before the Blessed Sacrament reserved and praying the Rosary even when there were no priests available in the convict period. The Church is an important part of the history of Sydney.



Other Shrines and places of pilgrimage include:



**Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Shrine, Randwick; St Brigid's Church, Marrickville and St Joachim's Church, Lidcombe.**



**Holy Spirit,  
Carnes Hill**

**All Saints,  
Liverpool**

**St Catherine  
Laboure Church,  
Gynea**

**Shrine of  
St Anne's Church,  
Bondi Beach**