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## **Archdiocese of Australia regrettably announces that annual celebration of Theophany at Sydney's Yarra Bay cancelled**



### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**The Holy Archdiocese of Australia this week regrettably announced that the annual celebration of Theophany at Sydney's Yarra Bay has been cancelled.**

The same decision was taken for the traditional services of the Sanctification of the Waters and the Throwing of the Cross in the states of Victoria and Western Australia.

The Archdiocese said its decisions, taken with a sense of pastoral responsibility, are based on an assessment of the special circumstances prevailing on the island continent due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**The announcement reads:**

## Announcement regarding the Celebration of Theophany in Australia

The Holy Archdiocese of Australia, assessing the special circumstances prevailing due to the pandemic and taking into account the advice from experts and the current regulations for the protection of public health, announces with regret, but also with a sense of pastoral responsibility, that the combined celebration of Theophany at Yarra Bay in Sydney will not go ahead this year, nor will the traditional services of the Sanctification of the Waters and the Throwing of the Cross within the states of Victoria and Western Australia.

On the contrary, the corresponding ceremonies for the celebration of Theophany are planned to continue as normal with the presence of faithful on Sunday 10 January in Canberra, Adelaide, Brisbane, the Gold Coast in Queensland and in Darwin.