



Vox Populi

19 April 2023

Service and sacrifice are words well known to the Catholic faithful. They also speak to the solemn day of commemoration we call Anzac Day.

A day of history and tradition when we honour those who fought on the Gallipoli Peninsula in WW1 and lost their lives.

With the passing of decades we have come to honour the service and sacrifice of thousands of men and women who have battled through many theatres of war, and have not returned to family and friends.

We also remember the peacekeeping missions where the same Anzac spirit has been borne-out in defence of the defenceless and the fight for freedom.

Anzac Day is an important and much loved national day. It is not about glorifying war but acknowledging our past and paying tribute to those who fought.

We pray for all those who have died or were wounded in all conflicts, and for those who are still haunted by their memories. We pray for their families and carers. We pray in gratitude and we pray for peace everywhere.

Join Bishop Anthony next Tuesday 25 April for our Anzac Day Mass of commemoration at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral at 10.30am when we pray that the service and sacrifice offered by so many has not been in vain and that their spirit may live on in us, and in generations to come.