



## Vox Populi

14 November 2024

The Diocese of Broken Bay is once again supporting **RED** Wednesday 2024, an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), to pray for and support Christians around the world who suffer and are persecuted for their faith.

Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood, will be flooded in red light on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, when Bishop Anthony Randazzo will celebrate Mass at 7.00 pm, sharing the bond which unites us all in love and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in so many regions of the world who suffer and are persecuted for their love of Jesus Christ. Everyone is welcome to the Mass.

Since 2018, ACN Australia has joined global commemorations for **RED** Wednesday. The Diocese of Broken Bay has participated in recent years with Mass and prayerful support at Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood.

The façade of Our Lady of Dolours will be bathed in red light from Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, through to Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

Aid to the Church in Need is the only international charity dedicated to the suffering of Christians wherever they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need.

Almost 340 million Christians around the world – or 1 in every 7 people - cannot freely exercise their faith or live in a country where they suffer some form of persecution and oppression for their love of Jesus Christ.

According to [a report from ACN released last month, persecution is only getting worse throughout the world](#). Red Wednesday presents an opportunity to offer our prayers and financial support to those who face persecution for their faith.

We hope many people from across the Diocese will be able to join together on Red Wednesday, to unite in prayer for our Christian brothers and sisters across the globe.

Clergy are invited to concelebrate the Mass with Bishop Anthony. RSVP to Mission Broken Bay via email [mission@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:mission@bbcatholic.org.au). Please bring an alb and red chasuble.