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Channel 7 to broadcast St Mary's Cathedral Easter services

Catholics around Australia will be able to watch Easter services live on national television from St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney.

In a 7News special, the top- rating network will stream The Lord's Passion at 3pm on Good Friday and Easter Sunday Mass from 10.30am across the country on Channel 7 and on Prime 7 in regional areas, and live-streamed on 7plus.

Both liturgies will be broadcast commercial free and in their entirety.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP welcomed the partnership, saying he was grateful to the network for recognising the importance to Catholics in the commemoration of Good Friday and the celebration of Easter Sunday Mass.

"These national broadcasts mean people of all ages and no matter where they live or are currently isolating, will now be able to participate in the Mass," Archbishop Fisher said.

"I know it will be especially welcome news to those living in nursing homes and aged care facilities who will especially be feeling the sting of separation from family over Easter, due to the restrictions on visits, and whose connection to their faith remains strong.

"All Australians are experiencing hardship at this time as we seek to limit the spread of the Coronavirus and many people are being asked to make great sacrifices such as our health professionals working long hours and risking their own health.

"Another sacrifice for people of faith is being unable to gather physically to celebrate the sacraments or even to spend time praying in a church. But by televising these services, it means we can spiritually come together to maintain our life of prayer and worship and strengthen our communion with one another."

Director of 7News Sydney, Jason Morrison said the network was pleased to help.

"Easter is the most sacred time of the year on the liturgical calendar," Mr Morrison said. "With public gatherings and church services currently closed in response to the pandemic, the 7NEWS team is proud to help the Church to bring these important services to homes across the country."

Good Friday's Lord's Passion will go to air on Friday 10 April at 3pm while Easter Sunday Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will air on Sunday 12 April from 10.30am.



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

Those wanting to view the liturgies online can visit <https://7plus.com.au/> online.

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