

REFERENDUM VIGIL

Mary MacKillop Chapel
13/14 October 2023

*The Sisters
and all their associates
thank everyone
sincerely
for all you did
to make the Vigil a time
of peace and strength.*

People joined together for a positive outcome to the Australian Voice Referendum from 6 p.m. on Friday 13th October until 6 a.m. on Referendum Day. The Sydney Timorese community prayed and sang.



Stacy-Jane Etal, a Darug woman from Cabrogal (Liverpool)



Phil Glendenning, recent Director of the Edmund Rice Centre

Hourly Reflections

11.00 p.m. “My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

Matthew 21:13; Mark 11:17; Luke 19:46.

Uluru Statement from the Heart: Reflect on the words.....Gaze at the picture for a few moments, let it speak to you. Stay with its message and let it seep into you.

12.00 p.m. [“Indigenous Ones” W. Marne](#)

"Our Land, Our Life" Len Smith

*We don't own the land, the land owns us. The Land is my mother, my mother is the land;
To Indigenous people, land is not just something that they can own or trade. Land has a profound
Spiritual value.*

1.00 a.m. [Salt Mother Bruce Pascoe](#)

2.00 a.m. [One People, One Land Monica Brown](#)

A Prayer: Compassionate and all giving God, you grant us the grace to work tirelessly for justice, solidarity and peace so that all your people may enjoy the freedom to choose. You sustain us by the power of your Spirit, so that we can reflect your love to every person we meet each day, and to spread in hearts and in every situation a culture of encounter, justice and care.

3.00 a.m. **Pope Francis’ meeting with an Alliance Group**

Discussing community organising Pope Francis said: “Your work is atomic. You go atom by atom, little by little, moving forward, like water moves forward, which becomes a river, and soon pervades everything it touches. What you’re doing is creating a culture. You’re not looking to resolve things from one day to the next. You’re creating a culture of solidarity.”

4.00 a.m.

In 1986 in Australia Pope John Paul II spoke of the impact of colonisation on traditional culture and through enduring disadvantage. He called for social justice and urged First Nations to actively seek agreements that acknowledge their identity and right to participate in the life of the community. He said: “...the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others.”

5:00 a.m.

The Muslim Collective stated their position on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament: Reason is the pursuit of knowledge through ijthihad (independent reasoning). We encourage critical thinking and debate, affirming the right of each Muslim to determine their own path. It is through this lens of reason, independence, and freedom that we support the right of Aboriginal people to determine what’s best for their communities.

[My Island Home Christine Anu](#)

6:00 a.m. **Celebration of the Eucharist with Bishop Terry Brady**

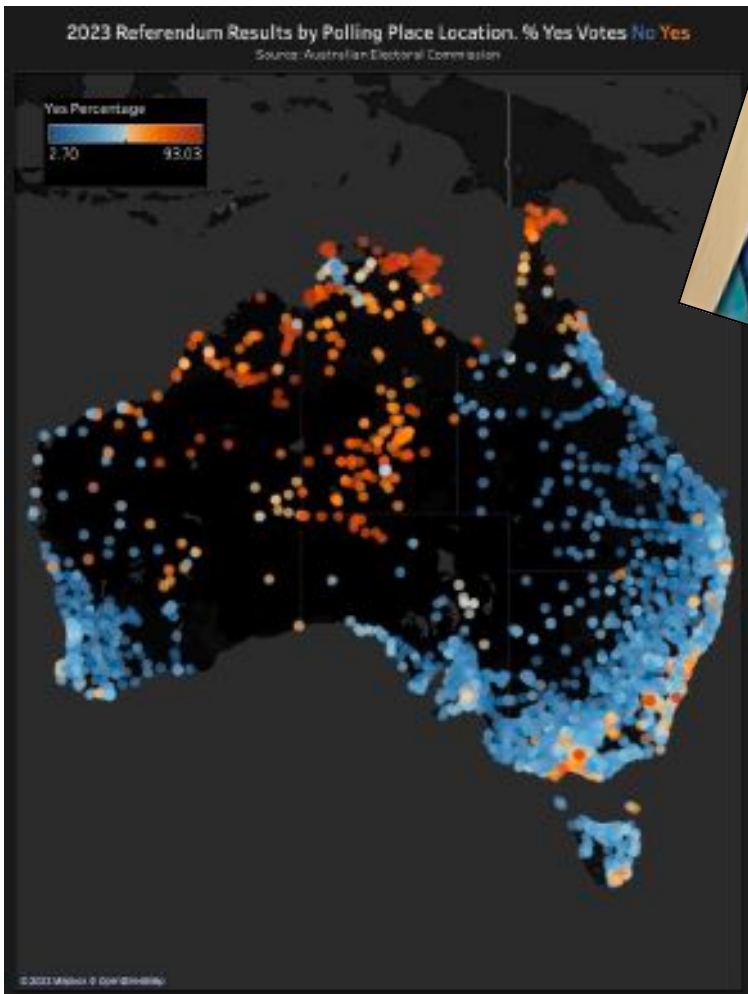
The Solidarity Choir is well known for its support of a wide range of justice concerns.



Suze Pratten and her Choir sang "Voice, Treaty, Truth" and drew people in with a variety of other songs and singers.



Bishop Terry Brady and friends
after the 6 a.m. Mass
14 October 2023



Sources for Map Information

Fixed Polling Places - https://aec.gov.au/about_aec/cea-notice/election-pp.htm

Remote Polling Places - https://aec.gov.au/About_AEC/cea-notice/mobile-polling.htm

Results by Polling Place - <https://tallyroom.aec.gov.au/ReferendumDown>

Map
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