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EASTER OFFERS MESSAGE OF HOPE

In the lead up to the feast of Easter, the Catholic Archbishop of Adelaide Philip Wilson has asked South Australians to join him in praying for the passengers of flight MH370 and their families as the search continues for the aircraft.

Archbishop Wilson said the tragic end to the Malaysia Airlines flight was uppermost in people's minds. "It is impossible not to be touched by the incredible pain and anguish of the families in not knowing what has happened to their loved ones," he said.

"We can feel overwhelmed by the magnitude of the tragedy and it is difficult to have any sort of closure when so many questions remain unanswered.

"We will continue to pray that the search for the aircraft succeeds in providing some answers, and here in Adelaide there will be a special Mass dedicated to those who have lost their lives, and to their families.

"Easter is a reminder to us that, as Christians, we believe in the resurrection of the dead because Christ rose from the dead, lives forever, and is present in our lives today.

"Wherever the journey of the crew and passengers of MH370 ended and whatever happened, we believe they have entered eternal life. Our faith is what gives us hope in the darkest of times."

The special Mass for the 239 passengers and crew of MH370, and their families, will be held in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on **Wednesday April 23 at 12.10pm**.

EASTER MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES:

Holy Thursday Mass, 8pm: St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, (vision of washing of the feet by Archbishop Philip Wilson).

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross at The Monastery, 15 Cross Road, Glen Osmond from 7am to 1pm (**Archbishop Wilson will attend from 8.45 – 9.45am**).

Good Friday 3pm: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, St Francis Xavier's Cathedral.

Easter Sunday 9am and 11am Mass St Francis Xavier's Cathedral (**Archbishop Wilson will be available for interviews at 10.15am**).



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