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FUNERAL DETAILS FOR CARDINAL GEORGE PELL AC

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has announced a Pontifical Requiem Mass for Cardinal George Pell AC will be held at St Mary's Cathedral on Thursday 2 February at 11am.

Cardinal Pell passed away on 10 January in Rome. He was 81.

Cardinal Pell's successor as Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP will be the Principal Celebrant at the Requiem Mass, following which the Cardinal will be buried in a private ceremony in the St Mary's Cathedral crypt.

Cathedral Dean, Father Don Richardson said thousands of mourners from Australia and overseas are expected to attend the Mass.

"Cardinal Pell left a remarkable legacy for the Catholic Church in Australia and this will undoubtedly be one of the most significant funerals ever held at the Cathedral", he said.

"Cardinal Pell was also known and highly respected by many overseas due to his numerous roles in the Vatican over many decades. The Mass will be livestreamed on the St Mary's Cathedral You Tube Channel to allow overseas mourners to participate in the ceremony".

Fr Richardson said screens will be erected in the St Mary's Cathedral forecourt to accommodate the large numbers of mourners expected to attend and pay their respects to the deceased cardinal who served as Archbishop of Sydney from 2001-2014.

For mourners unable to attend the Funeral Mass on 2 February, there will be a Masses for the late Cardinal at St Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday 1 February at 1:10pm and 8pm.

There will also be Evening Prayer on Wednesday 1 February at 5:30pm.

Cardinal Pell will lie in state at St Mary's Cathedral from 9:30am on Wednesday 1 February.

Registration will be required for any media wishing to attend the funeral. Details on media registration will be shared in the coming days.

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