



The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem
Grand Priory of Australia



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PROGRAMME

National Chapter – Sydney
Thu 1st to Sun 4th May 2025

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Chaplains' Welcome

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As Chaplains, it gives us great joy, along with the other members of the National Chapter Organising Committee, to welcome you to the 2025 National Chapter of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem.

It is believed that in 1606 the Portuguese explorer Fernandez de Queiroz referred to Australia as 'the great South Land of the Holy Spirit'. What an aim this sets for the Christian communities of Australia, that our presence and our work might open the eyes of our fellow citizens to the movement and power of the Holy Spirit in us, who from different denominations, share a 'common baptism'.

In 1995 St John Paul II, wrote 'One of the advantages of ecumenism is that it helps Christian Communities to discover the unfathomable riches of the truth. Here too, everything that the Spirit brings about in "others" can serve for the building up of all Communities and in a certain sense instruct them in the mystery of Christ. Authentic ecumenism is a gift at the service of truth' (Ut Unum Sit #38). Archbishop Rowan Williams and Pope Benedict XVI in a common statement in 2006 wrote: 'True ecumenism goes beyond theological dialogue; it touches our spiritual lives and our common witness. As our dialogue has developed, many Catholics and Anglicans have found in each other a love for Christ which invites us into practical co-operation and service.' One of the great strengths of the Order of Saint Lazarus is its ecumenical nature. The women and men of the Order through their prayer, sense of community, and good works of mercy, express the priestly, prophetic and kingly nature we share in by virtue of our Christian baptism. However, we do so from, and celebrate within, ways that are faithful to the particular Christian traditions from which we come. There is unity in our diversity.

As part of our time together we will be able worship in some of Australia's oldest churches. St Patrick's Church is built on land donated by William Davis. It was in the Davis' home, before Catholic clergy were allowed in the Colony, that Catholics gathered for the rosary. St Philip's Church, built between 1848 and 1856, is Australia's oldest Anglican Parish. As we gather in these churches, we stand on the shoulders of some wonderful ancestors in the faith, and we carry on the Christian faith.

May the 2025 National Chapter be a time of fraternity and sorority for the Order, and may its blessings yield fruit in the works of the Order.

Colin Aiken

Rev Canon Colin Aiken OAM RFD ChStJ ChLJ OMLJ
NSW Commandery Chaplain

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Fr Anthony Crook ChLJ RAN
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President's Welcome



Dear Confreres, Consoeurs, and Guests,

On behalf of the NSW Commandery, a very warm welcome to Sydney for the 2025 National Chapter! We're delighted to host you and are committed to making your time here enjoyable, spiritually enriching, and filled with fellowship.

We've prepared an exciting program, confident it will be stimulating and rewarding. Our activities center around historic Church Hill, conveniently near The Rocks and Barangaroo, offering easy access to Sydney's iconic landmarks and vibrant precincts.

For Postulants, a dedicated Friday morning seminar will provide a deeper understanding of the Order's history, key messages, and important work. It's a valuable opportunity to connect with fellow postulants and experienced members.

We're privileged to have distinguished guest speakers: Prof David Flint AM OLJ at Friday's Humble Meal; Professor Hayden Ramsay at Saturday's Chapter meeting; and Gerard Henderson at Saturday's Formal Dinner. Their diverse insights will undoubtedly enrich our discussions.

We are delighted to offer a special OLJ Mass on Sunday, exclusively for National Chapter attendees and their accompanying guests. This more informal and intimate service will allow members to participate in robes, seated with their families and guests, though without a formal procession. We believe this will create a more relaxed and reflective atmosphere for worship and fellowship.

To streamline services, there will be no cash offertories. A pre-collected amount is included in your Chapter payment for the purpose of offertories.

We've balanced the program to allow ample free time for you to explore Sydney. Discover our city's charm and create lasting memories.

We're thrilled to have you here and look forward to a successful and memorable National Chapter. Contact any NSW Commandery organising committee member (details on page 14 of the program) if you need assistance.

Warmest regards,

Martin

**Chev Martin Dowling KLJ OMLJ
NSW Commandery President**



THURSDAY 1st MAY 2025

Registration Desk Open 8am to 3pm Amora Jamison Hotel – Second Floor

Afternoon:

4:30pm

Welcome Reception, NSW Parliament House, Jubilee Room

- **Dress** – Lounge Suit, no medals, no insignia, no regalia and no name tags
- **4:30pm** Transportation to NSW Parliament House Leaves the Amora Jamison Hotel, meet in the Lobby
- **5:30pm** Welcome Reception including drinks and canapes commences in the Jubilee Room
- **7:00pm** Transportation to the Amora Jamison Hotel
 - Alternatively walk to the Amora Jamison Hotel (1.1 km) and dine on route
- **See dining suggestions on page 13**

Evening:

7:00pm

There are no formal Dinner arrangements on Thursday.

- **See dining suggestions on page 13**

11:00pm

Last Drinks at the Amora Jamison Hotel

Friday 2nd May 2025

Registration Desk Open 8am to 3pm Amora Jamison Hotel – Second Floor

8:00am

Arrival Desk, Insignia and Book Sales

- Desks manned until 3:00pm
- Custodian of Insignia will be present for purchase and collection of Insignia

Morning:

9:30am

Grand Priory Executive Meetings

- **Dress** – Smart Casual
- **Whiteley Ballroom** – Second Floor Amora Jamison Hotel
- Presidents and Chancellor
- Secretaries
- Treasurers
- Marshal and Heralds

- Almoners and Hospitallers
- **10:30am** Conclusion

10:30am

Chancellor's Committee Meeting

- **Dress** – Smart Casual
- **Whiteley Ballroom** – Second Floor Amora Jamison Hotel
- **12:00pm** Conclusion

11:00am

Chaplains' Meeting

- **Second Floor Amora Jamison Hotel**
- **Chaplains invited to National Council Lunch at the Amora Jamison Hotel**
- **12:00pm** Conclusion

11:00am

Postulants' Seminar (Members welcome)

- **Dress** – Smart Casual
- **St Patrick's Church Crypt** – enter from Grosvenor Street
- **All Postulants** – walk individually 150m from the Amora Jamison Hotel
- Seminar presented by **Dr Matthew Glozier OLJ**, Author of The Green Cross in Australia

Lunch:

There are no formal Lunch arrangements on Friday except as below

- Lunch at your leisure independently.

12:00pm

Lunch for National Council Members (and clergy)

- **Dress** – Smart Casual
- **Whiteley Ballroom** – Second Floor Amora Jamison Hotel
- **National Council Members and clergy** only
- **12:30pm** Conclusion

12:30pm

National Council Meeting

- **Dress** – Smart Casual
- **Whiteley Ballroom** – Second Floor Amora Jamison Hotel
- **National Council Members** only
- **2:00pm** Conclusion

2:00pm

Saint Lazarus Australia Foundation Meeting

- **Dress** – Smart Casual
- **Whiteley Ballroom** – Second Floor Amora Jamison Hotel
- **3:00pm** Conclusion

Afternoon:

3.20pm

Postulants Briefing by the Marshal – St Patrick’s Church

- **Dress** – Lounge Suit/Day Dress, Cloaks, Gloves, Mantillas, Insignia and Medals

3.30pm

Walk to St Patrick’s Church – Church Hill

- **Dress** – Lounge Suit / Day Dress, Cloaks, Gloves, Mantillas, Insignia and Large Medals
- **Walk** – all Members, Guests and Postulants walk 150m individually
- **Minibus** - available if needed
- **Service Book** – Please bring

4.00pm

Vigil Service St Patrick’s Church – Church Hill

- **Dress** – Lounge Suit/Day Dress, Cloaks, Gloves, Mantillas, Insignia and Large Medals
- **Offertory** - prepaid
- **5.00pm** – Vigil Service concludes
- **Walk** – From church, left into Grosvenor Street, left into the courtyard

Evening:

5.30pm

Humble Meal in St Patrick’s Crypt

- **Dress** – Lounge Suit/Day Dress - Cloaks removed and laid on tables in Crypt
- **Seating** – Check on the table list near the door
- **Guest Speaker: Prof David Flint AM OLJ**, former Chairman Australian Broadcasting Authority
- **7.30pm** Conclusion
- **Walk** to the Amora Jamison Hotel
- **Minibus** - available if needed

11:00pm

Last Drinks at the Amora Jamison Hotel

Saturday 3rd May 2025

Registration Desk Open 8am to 11am Amora Jamison Hotel – Second Floor

Morning:

9:00am

Insignia and Book Sales Store Open

- **Registration Desk** – Second Floor – Amora Hotel
- **11:00 am** closing

9:30am

National Chapter Meeting

- **Dress** - Smart Casual
- Amora Jamison Hotel, Whiteley Room 1 – Second Floor
- **10:45am** Morning Tea
 - **Address - Professor Hayden Ramsay**, President, Catholic Institute of Sydney
- **11.30am** National Chapter re-convenes

Lunch:

1:00pm

Light Luncheon

- **Dress** – Smart Casual.
- **Amora Jamison Hotel**, adjacent to Whiteley Room 1 – Second Floor

Afternoon:

4.00pm

Investiture Rehearsal

- **Dress** – Black Tie, Cloaks, Gloves, Mantillas, Order Insignia, Miniature Medals
- **Walk** individually to St Philip's Church, 3 York Street, 150m west from the Amora Jamison Hotel
- **Minibus** - available if needed
- **Service Book** – Please bring
- **Attendees:** Postulants, Promotion and Award Recipients, Grand Prior, Chancellor, Referendary, Marshal, Herald, Custodian of Insignia, Flag and Banner Bearers

4.30pm

Walk to St Philip's Church

- **Dress** – Black Tie, Cloaks, Gloves, Mantillas, Order Insignia, Miniature Medals.
- **Walk** individually to St Philip's Church, 3 York Street 150m, west from the Amora Jamison Hotel
- **Minibus** - available if needed
- **Service Book** – Please bring

5:00pm

Investiture Service St Philip's Church 3 York Street, Church Hill

- **Dress** – Black Tie, Cloaks, Gloves, Mantillas, Order Insignia, Miniature Medals.
- **Offertory** - prepaid
- **7:00pm** Conclusion.
- **Walk** to the Amora Jamison Hotel
- **Minibus** - available if needed

Evening:

7:30pm

National Chapter Formal Dinner

- **Dress** – Black Tie, Order Insignia, Miniatures and Name Tags
- **Whiteley Ballroom** – Amora Jamison Hotel
- **7:30pm** Drinks
- **8:00pm** Dinner
- **Guest Speaker: Gerard Henderson**, Executive Director The Sydney Institute

11:00pm

Last Drinks at the Amora Jamison Hotel

Sunday 4th May 2025

Morning:

8.30-9.30am

Check out time for the Amora Jamison Hotel

- **11:00am** - Latest check out time the Amora Jamison Hotel
- **Members and Guests** should check out and store bags at the Amora Jamison Hotel before Mass

9:30am

Walk to St Brigid's Church 14-16 Kent Street Millers Point - 750m

- **Dress** – Lounge Suit/Day Dress, Cloaks, Gloves, Mantillas, Order Insignia, Large Medals and Name Tags
- **Directions** - West along Jamison, turn north (right) at York, take the pedestrian underpass to emerge on Kent, north on Kent to St Brigid's on the right - 800m
- **Service Book** – Please bring
- **Small Bus** - available if needed

10:30am

Mass for the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem

- **Dress** – Lounge Suit/Day Dress, Cloaks, Gloves, Mantillas, Order Insignia, Large Medals and Name Tags
- **Offertory** - prepaid
- **11:45am** OLJ Mass concludes
- **Walk** to the Amora Jamison Hotel
- **Small Bus** - available if needed

Lunch:

12:30pm

Farewell Lunch, Amora Jamison Hotel

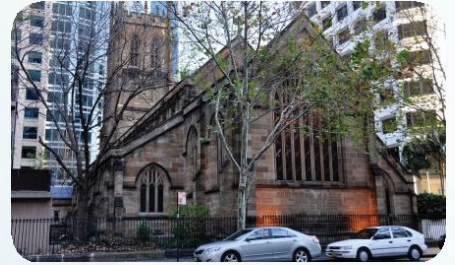
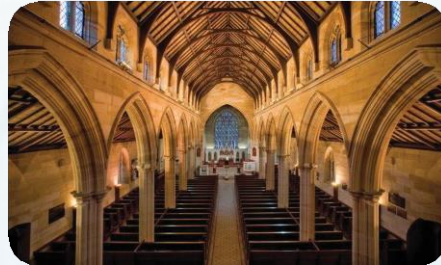
- **Dress** – Smart Casual, Name Tags, No Insignia or Medals
- **Amora Jamison Hotel** – Crofts Restaurant, First floor
- **2:30pm** – Formal Program concludes

The Historic Church Hill - Sydney

St Philip's is the oldest Anglican parish in Australia.

The Chaplain of the First Fleet was the Reverend Richard

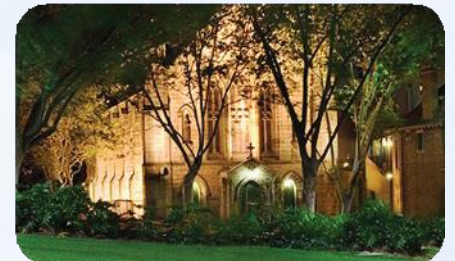
Johnson and he conducted the first Christian service in Australia on 3rd February 1788. St Philip's is the custodian of Mr Johnson's (First Fleet) Bible and Prayer Book.



The wattle and daub church built by Mr. Johnson in 1793 was burnt down in 1798. A new stone church, named St Philip's, was opened in 1810, and this was replaced by the current building in 1856. Sydneysiders have been worshipping Jesus Christ as Lord on Church Hill for at least 2 centuries. More information at: www.churchhillanglican.com

St Patrick's Church Hill - Built in the early 1840s

St Patrick's stands in Sydney's historic Rocks area, with a history reaching back to the very beginnings of Catholic life in Australia. Inseparably linked with St Patrick's history is the name of William Davis, an Irishman transported for his part in anti-British uprisings in Ireland in 1798. Davis obtained land in The Rocks in 1809, and in the early years of the colony, when there was no resident priest in Sydney, his home became a centre of Catholic prayer.



St Brigid's Church Hill - the oldest surviving place of Catholic worship in Australia

Situated in Kent Street, Millers Point, in Sydney's historic Rocks precinct, Governor Richard Bourke approved the site and building plan in 1833: "for a Roman Catholic School House, to be occasionally used as a Chapel". Rev William B. Ullathorne OSB, Prefect Apostolic of Australia made the application for a land grant and school building on behalf of the Catholic community. This was two years before the arrival of Australia's first Catholic Bishop, John Bede Polding OSB in 1835.

More information at: www.stpatschurchhill.org



Church Hill Church Service Times

St Patrick's Catholic Church Masses

Weekday

Church open from 7.30am – 6.00pm
8.00 am, 10.30 am, 12 noon; 5.30pm

Saturday

Church open from 7.30am – 6.45pm
8.00 am
12 noon

Sunday

Church open from 7.45 am – 6.45pm
8.00 am
9.00 am
10.00 am
11.00 am
12.00 noon
3.00 pm
4.00 pm
6.00 pm

St Philip's Anglican Church

Sunday Services

8.30 am
10.30am
6.00pm

The Garrison Anglican Church

Sunday Services

4.00pm

Accommodation Details

The 2025 National Chapter Meeting will be centred on Church Hill, Sydney. The Amora Jamison Hotel, 11 Jamison Street, Sydney, is ideally located for all National Chapter Church Services and Events. The NSW Commandery has secured very attractive room rates for the Amora Hotel. Other hotels in the area are listed below for your consideration.



Amora Jamison Hotel Sydney – The National Chapter Hotel

11 Jamison Street, Sydney CBD - Telephone: +61 2 9696 2500

Special Order of St Lazarus Room Rate.

Deluxe King Room \$319 per night. Booking Code: OSL010525

Must Book Before 1st April 2025. Any cancellation or modification must be made 30 days before arrival. Beyond that, any cancellation or no-show will incur the total cost of accommodation as a penalty

<https://reservations.travelclick.com/70843?groupID=4684164>



Novotel Sydney City Centre, 7 to 9 York Street, Sydney CBD - \$453 per night. Telephone: +61 2 7255 2300

<https://all.accor.com/a/en.html>

Mantra, 2 Bond Street, Sydney CBD - \$357 per night. Telephone: +61 2 9250 9555 <https://all.accor.com/a/en.html>

A By Adina, 2 Hunter St, Sydney CBD - \$483 per night. Telephone: +61 2 9182 9500 <https://abyadina.com/>

Shangri-la Hotel Sydney, 176 Cumberland St, The Rocks - \$557 per night. Telephone: +61 2 9250 6000

<https://www.shangri-la.com/sydney/shangrila/>



Map of Church Hill and Surrounds

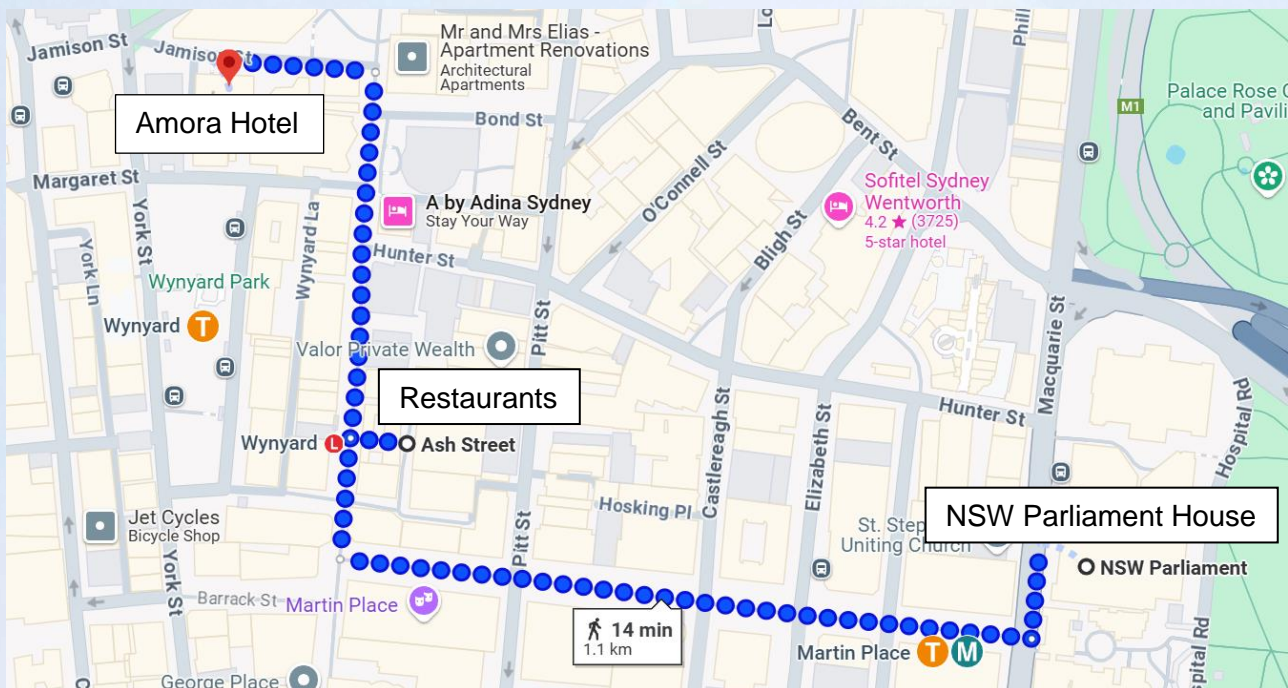
This map includes the three Churches for the 2025 National Chapter Meeting Services and The Amora Jamison Hotel where the National Chapter Meeting's events will be held.

MAP



Restaurant Suggestions

- **Felix** - A French brasserie offering a taste of Paris with classic dishes and a sophisticated ambience – 2 Ash Street – 02 9144 7303 <https://merivale.com/venues/felix/>
- **Ash St. Cellar** - A cozy wine bar with a Spanish-inspired menu, perfect for tapas and drinks – 1 Ash Street – 02 9114 7302 <https://merivale.com/venues/ashstcellar/>
- **Mercado** – Spanish dining – 4 Ash Street – 02 9221 6444 <https://mercadorestaurant.com.au/>
- **Little Felix** – Cocktail bar and quick bites – 2A Ash Street – 02 9144 7372 <https://merivale.com/venues/little-felix/>
- **Ragazzi** – lower cost Italian – 1 Angel Place – 02 8964 3062 <https://ragazziwineandpasta.com/>
- **China Lane** - Asian fusion cuisine in a chic, laneway location, offering a variety of dishes from different Asian cultures – 2 Angel Place – 02 9231 3939 <https://chinalane.com.au/>



Further Contact Details for any Assistance Required



If you plan to use public transport in Sydney during the National Chapter, you can simply tap on and off with your credit or debit card. <https://transportnsw.info/>

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