

Commencement Services for 2025 Law Term

Red Mass, Sydney	
Time	9 am
Date	Monday 3 February 2025
Venue	St Mary's Cathedral, College Street, Sydney
Celebrant	Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP Fr Peter Joseph (spiritual director, STM Society)
Robing	Judges and counsel may robe in the Crypt beneath the Cathedral from 8:30 am.
Morning Tea	Morning Tea will be served in Cathedral House after the Red Mass
Other	The Red Mass has been celebrated annually in Sydney since 1931. The first recorded Red Mass was celebrated at Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, in 1245. The Red Mass takes its name partly from the scarlet robes worn by the royal judges attending the Mass in 14 th century England. In London the tradition began around 1310, during the reign of Edward II. Very often lawyers attend some or all of the services as a way of celebrating the common values which underlie both Australian and international law, and as a way of demonstrating respect for the many different people, with different histories and traditions, who make up contemporary Australia.
Anglican Service	
Time	10:30 am
Date	Monday 3 February 2025
Venue	St James' Anglican Church, King Street, Sydney
Officiants	The Most Rev Kanishka Raffel, Archbishop of Sydney
Morning Tea	Refreshments will be served in the Crypt after the Service.

Red Mass, Parramatta	
Time	7:00 pm
Date	Monday, 3 February 2025
Venue	St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Pl, Parramatta
Celebrant	Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL
Supper	Supper will be served in the Cloisters after the Red Mass.
Registration	Please RSVP by Friday, 31 January to enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au or call 02 8839 8400
The Armenian Orthodox Community Law Service	
Time	7:00pm
Date	Monday 10 February 2025
Venue	Armenian Apostolic Church of Holy Resurrection, 10 Macquarie Street, Chatswood
Celebrant	His Eminence, Archbishop Haigazoun Najarian, Primate of the Armenian Apostolic Church of Australia and New Zealand (to be joined by Monsignor Basil Sousanian, Head of the Armenian Catholic Church Australia and Pastor Hagop Sarkissian, Armenian Evangelical Church of Australia).
Robing	The Edgarian Hall at the back of the Church may be used for robing from 6.30pm
Registration	https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1340889
Pan Orthodox Divine Liturgy	
Time	6 pm for 6:30 pm
Date	Tuesday 11 February 2025
Venue	Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation of Our Lady 242 Cleveland Street, Redfern
Celebrant	His Eminence Archbishop Makarios, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in Australia
Registration	Please RSVP to Katherine Polyviou via email: kpolyviou@ngpappas.com.au

Coptic Orthodox Divine Liturgy	
Time	6pm
Date	Tuesday 11 February 2025
Venue	Venue: St Mary St Mina Coptic Orthodox Cathedral, 339 Forest Rd, Bexley
Celebrant	TBA
The Jewish Community Law Service 2025	
Time	5:30 pm
Date	Wednesday, 12 February 2025
Venue	The Great Synagogue, 187A Elizabeth Street, Sydney
Celebrant	Rabbi Dr Benjamin Elton
Robing	Judges and counsel may robe from 5 pm prior to the procession at 5:30 pm. If you are joining the procession, please enter via Castlereagh Street. For all other guests, entry will be via 187A Elizabeth Street, Sydney.
Registration	To RSVP for the 2025 Jewish Community Law Service at The Great Synagogue, please click here .
Islamic Service	
Time	6 pm
Date	Monday 17 February 2025
Venue	Lakemba Mosque 65-67 Wangee Road, Lakemba NSW 2195
Celebrant	Yahya Safi
Other Information	Guests are kindly requested to arrive by 6:00pm so that the service can commence on time inside the Mosque. The service will end at approximately 6.45pm, and after which a light meal will be served in the Mosque's courtyard
RSVP	If you would like to attend, please RSVP to events@muslimlegalnetworknsw.com by 5pm on 14 February 2025.