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Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral

Sydney's favourite festive tradition, the Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral, is back for its 11th year and The University of Notre Dame Australia is proud to be the new Education partner for the popular community event.

Hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney, the theme for this year's light and sound spectacular is 'Hope' and the free event offers an opportunity for the community to come together to farewell a particularly challenging year and look forward with hope to a brighter future.

Celebrating the season of peace, joy and love, the Lights of Christmas will begin with a single flickering candle on the façade of the Cathedral in remembrance of the people we've lost to the COVID-19 pandemic and natural disasters of 2020. The light display will then transform into a brilliant rising sun, representing the dawning of a new day.

The 15-minute light show that will follow is inspired by the colours of the stained-glass windows in St Mary's Cathedral and will be accompanied by the heavenly voices of the cathedral choir.

"The Lights of Christmas is a beautiful way for us to unite as a community and honour those who have worked on the frontline throughout the year," says Notre Dame Vice Chancellor, Professor Francis Campbell.

"As a University community, we are pleased to be able to support an event that promotes peace, love and hope. I am certainly ending the year with a great sense of hope and belief in the strength of humanity, after witnessing the resilience of the human spirit in the face of great adversity this year," he added.

The Lights of Christmas is produced by AGB Events and is the longest running Christmas event in Sydney. In keeping with NSW Health Guidelines and for the safety of the community, Lights of Christmas attendees will be required to sign-in electronically on arrival and enter via a designated entry gate at the William Street end of the square.

Don't miss the Lights of Christmas, running every evening from 8.30pm-11pm, Thursday 10th to Friday 25th December. For more details, visit lightsofchristmas.com.au.

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