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## 2025 PATRICK ORATION Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

**Who:** Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli  
**What:** The sixth Patrick Oration - annual address on the Catholic Church in Melbourne  
**Where:** The Hotel Windsor, 111 Spring St, Melbourne  
**When:** 8pm - Monday, 17 March 2025

Every year on 17 March, the Feast Day of the Patron Saint of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, the Archbishop of Melbourne, in relation to its mission in light of the pressing issues of the day.

Against the backdrop of a world in turmoil, geopolitical and economic conflicts across many parts of the world, a cost-of-living crisis and growing polarisation, we are seeing record numbers turning to God, faith and the Church. Last weekend we welcomed a record number of people seeking to be Catholics at the 2025 Rite of Election at St Patrick's Cathedral. Last month more than 3,000 filled the Cathedral to overflowing for the Episcopal Consecration of two new bishops. There is growing enrolments of students to the Seminary and Catholic Schools, and later this year we look forward to welcoming 12,000 young people to Melbourne for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

Please join us on online Monday evening for the sixth annual Patrick Oration to learn why this is happening and what this means for the 1.2 million Catholics within the Archdiocese of Melbourne, as well as for the broader community of greater Melbourne.

The Oration will be livestreamed from 8.00pm on the [Archdiocesan youtube channel](#) and broadcast live on **Channel 31**. Text, Audio, video, and photography of the Oration are available on request after the event. [www.melbournecatholic.org](http://www.melbournecatholic.org)

### The order of proceedings for the entire event:

5.30pm Mass	St Patrick's Cathedral – all welcome
6.30pm Dinner	The Hotel Windsor (Invitation only - 200 attending)
8pm Broadcast and Livestream	C31 and <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_if0-sgdml">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_if0-sgdml</a>

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