



# Jubilee Year of Hope Mass and Eucharistic Procession Unites Catholics in Darwin

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The Catholic Bishop of Darwin, **Bishop Charles Gauci**, has expressed deep joy and gratitude following the **Jubilee Year of Hope Mass and Eucharistic Procession** held last night, 6 September 2025.

The celebration began with a Cathedral filled to capacity at **St Mary's Star of the Sea War Memorial Cathedral** and continued with a Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Darwin. The evening concluded back at the Cathedral with Benediction, marking a profound act of prayer and public witness.

"This was a joyful witness to our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist," Bishop Charles said. "It was also a powerful sign of unity in our diversity and hope for our Diocese in the exercise of the mission entrusted to us by Christ in this Jubilee Year of Hope."

## **A Celebration of Unity and Faith**

Participants travelled from Parishes and groups across Darwin and the rural area joining together in a vibrant procession that highlighted the diversity and richness of the Catholic Church in the Northern Territory. Parishes, cultural communities, school groups, youth movements, religious congregations, and lay organisations were all represented.

The event was further blessed by the presence of His Excellency Archbishop Charles Balvo, Apostolic Nuncio and representative of Pope Francis, who joined Bishop Gauci and the faithful for the procession.

"It was wonderful to see so many people come together," Bishop Charles said. "From our young people to our cultural communities and parish groups, this was truly a beautiful moment of shared faith, prayer, and joyful hope."

"In a world that can so often feel divided, it is moments like this that remind us of the hope and joy that flow from Christ," Bishop Charles added. "This Jubilee celebration has shown that the Catholic Church in the Northern Territory is alive, diverse, and united."

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