

Ceremony at Marayong Church, Sydney on the occasion of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary, 100th anniversary for the Fight for Warsaw with the Bolsheviks and Polish Army Day, 76th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising and the 81st anniversary of World War II.

The Ceremony commenced with Holy Mass, of which members of the Polish community, the Clergy, representative of the Polish Consulate in Sydney, and Polish Organisations in Sydney took part. Members from organisations showed their banners - Kół Armii Krajowej, Stowarzyszenia Polskich Kombatantów, Stowarzyszenia Nasza Polonia, Hufca Polesie and Solidarność.

After holy mass, was celebrated by Father Superior of the Society of Christ Tadeusz Przybylak and with a very moving patriotic homily by Father Antoni Dudek. After mass a Call for the Fallen was lead by the president of the Association of Polish Ex-Soldiers in Sydney, Mr Stanislaw Zak.

In the parish hall, John Paul II was held the official side of the celebrations with speeches and a beautiful concert called 'That We Are Worthy of Their Wounds' ("Obyśmy byli godni ich ran") . The patron of the celebrations was the Federation of Polish Associations in NSW with Mr Adam Gajkowski presiding. A special thank you to the Polish Consulate RP in Sydney, for taking part in the day's events, so that everyone present could look at the displays around the hall showing the War with the Bolsheviks during 1919-1920.

Speeches were made by Father Superior Tadeusz Przybylak and the Polish Consul General Dr. Monika Kończyk.

A historical lecture was given by Mr Janusz Tydda on the Fight for Warsaw, making a special mention in regards to the blockade of arms and ammunition from France and Hungary to Poland by Germany and Czechoslovakia . The transport from England sent the cargo via France and Hungary, which had to divert through Rumania to Gdansk were the cargo was unloaded by British soldiers and loaded into trains to go to Poland.

The concert side of the celebration was prepared by Sister Agnieszka Misiak and Mrs Bożena Szymanski. Participants in the concert were the children from the Polish Saturday School Marayong, Mrs Bożena Szymanski, Mrs Malgorzata Zak and Mr Wiesław Rogolinski.

It has to be noted that present at the celebration were two veterans, soldiers of the Warsaw Uprising , Mr Ryszard Czeczucha and Mr Jerzy Żelazowski who are both 93 years old.

PRAISE TO THE HEROS!

Dr Ryszard Adams-Dzierzba

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