

August Events

Honor to Their Memory

On August 1st, religious ceremonies were held in Polish Hill River to commemorate the 77th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Michał Skiba, who, in his homily, emphasized how those events affected the fate of many people, especially those who survived and emigrated across the world, including to Australia, and specifically Adelaide.

On August 15th, at the Shrine of Our Lady in Unley, a Mass was held in prayer for the homeland on the occasion of the 101st anniversary of the "Miracle on the Vistula" and the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In his sermon, Fr. Michał Skiba highlighted the role of Our Lady in aiding our homeland throughout the centuries. He recalled events from Polish history, particularly the 1920 war and the spiritual support of the clergy for the fighting soldiers, and the heroic role of Fr. Ignacy Skorupka on the battlefield.

As tradition dictates on the Feast of the Assumption, the faithful offered herbs, flowers, and other gifts at the altar. A musical group led by Jan Kliś provided accompaniment. By the main altar, alongside the veterans' banner, there was also a board with photographs of Warsaw insurgents who lived among us in Adelaide.

After the Mass, we listened to a program of words and music titled "Let Us Sing to the Queen of Angels." Religious songs in honor of Our Lady were performed, and, of course, "Bogurodzica" was not omitted. The performers were Urszula and Jan Leś, along with Fr. Michał Skiba.

The faithful then proceeded to the Katyń Monument to lay flowers in honor of the fallen soldiers, both the Warsaw insurgents and those who perished in the 1920 war. Honor to Their Memory.

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