



Student Support Services

Religions and Places of Worship in Sydney



Sydney is a multicultural city, and Sydneysiders are generally considered tolerant and accepting of all beliefs. With a strong mixture of different migrants from a diverse cultural and religious background, it is very easy to find your preferred place of worship in Sydney.

The main religion in Sydney is Christianity. The Anglican, Roman Catholic and Uniting Churches account for the 3 largest denominations. You can also find other religions being practised by people living in Australia including Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and so on. Based on the response to the 2006 Census question, stated religious affiliations were: 26% Catholic; 19% Anglican; 19% other Christian denominations; and 6% non-Christian religions. Almost 31% of all persons either stated they had no religion, or did not adequately respond to the question to enable classification of their religion.

While the list below is by no means exhaustive, you will find some handy information about the religious affiliation and some of the more popular places of worship in Sydney.

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION in Australia (2006)		
Source: ABS data available on request, Census of Population and Housing.	'000	%
Christianity		
Anglican	3 718.2	18.7%
Baptist	316.7	1.6%
Catholic	5 126.9	25.8%
Churches of Christ	54.8	0.3%
Jehovah's Witness	80.9	0.4%
Lutheran	251.1	1.3%
Orthodox	576.9	2.9%
Pentecostal	219.7	1.1%
Presbyterian and Reformed	596.7	3.0%
Salvation Army	64.2	0.3%
Uniting Church	1135.4	5.7%
Other Christian	544.3	2.7%
Buddhism	418.8	2.1%
Hinduism	148.1	0.8%
Islam	340.4	1.7%
Judaism	88.8	0.5%
Other religions	109.0	0.6%
No religion	3706.8	18.7%
Not stated/inadequately described in the Census 2006	2357.8	11.9%
Total	19 855.3	100%



List of Places of Worship

Christianity

1. St. Mary's Cathedral

Corner of College & St Marys Road.

Services daily. Saturday Vigil at 6.00pm, Sunday mass at 7.00am, 9.00am & 10.30am (Solemn Sung Mass) & 6.00pm (Youth Mass).

Tel: 02 9220 0400

2. Anglican Christ Church

507 Pitt Street, Sydney

3. St Andrew's Cathedral

Corner of George & Bathurst Streets.

Main service begins at 10.30am on Sunday.

Asian Bible Church is held at 2pm and Bible Studies are held at various times on Sunday and throughout the week.



4. St. James Church, Sydney

173 King Street.

Services daily and Sunday Services at 7.45am (Said Eucharist), 9.00am (Sung Eucharist) & 11.00am (Choral Eucharist).

Tel: 02 8227 1300

5. Catholic Church, Sydney

641 George St SYDNEY CBD NSW 2000

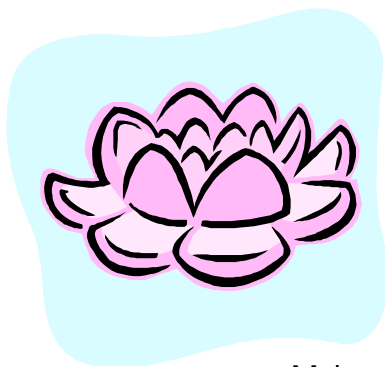


To find more information on churches in Sydney, please visit the following website.

<http://www.aussieweb.com.au/directory/directory.aspx?cid=2416&lid=23467>

Buddhism

- 1. Wah Tsang Temple**
2/209 Liverpool Road, Greenacre
- 2. Mahamakut Temple** (Wat Buddharangsee)
8 Stanmore Road, Stanmore, New South Wales 2048
Tel: (02) 9557-2039
- 3. Wat Buddharangsee**
49 Trafalgar Street, Annandale, New South Wales 2038
Tel: (02) 9557-2879
- 4. Fo Guang Shan, Sydney North**
Address: 4 Spring Street, Chatswood, Chatswood, NSW 2067 NSW
Tradition: Mahayana, Humanistic Buddhism
Phone: (02) 9410 0387



- 5. International Buddhist Association of Australia**
Address: 2/382 Sussex Street, Sydney, NSW 2000 NSW
Tradition: Mahayana, Humanistic Buddhism
Affiliation: Fo Kuang Shan
Phone: 02 9267 6122 (Contact: Reverend Hao)

- 6. Sydney Buddhist Centre (Newtown)**
Address: 24 Enmore Road, (PO Box 574) Newtown NSW 2042
Tradition: Theravada, Mahayana, Vajrayana, Theravada,
Mahayana, Vajrayana, Non-Sectarian, Triyana, Western Buddhist
Affiliation: Friends of the Western Buddhist Order FWBO Vijayaloka Retreat Centre
Phone: (02) 9519 0440
EMail: info@sydneybuddhistcentre.org.au
Website: <http://www.sydneybuddhistcentre.org.au>

For more information on Buddhists' places of worship, please visit the following websites.

1. Buddhist Council of New South Wales' website at www.buddhistcouncil.org
2. www.thai.com.au/buddhist%20temples.htm



Bahá'ism

- 1. Bahá'í House of Worship**
173 Mona Vale Road, Ingleside
Tel: 02 9998 9221



Hinduism

1. Sri Mandir

286 Cumberland Road, Auburn, Sydney, NSW 2144

Priest: Pt Jatin Bhatt

Phone: (02) 9643 1919

Email: srimandir@hotmail.com

Website: <http://www.srimandir.org>



2. Hare Krishna (ISKCON) Temple

180 Falcon Street, North Sydney NSW 2060

Ph: (02) 99594558 / Fax (02) 9571893

Email: info@iskcon.com.au

3296 King Street, Newtown NSW 2042

Ph: (02) 5506524

3. Shri Swaminarayan Hindu Mandir (Bochasanwasi Shree Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha - BAPS)

40, Eleanor Street, Rosehill, N.S.W. 2142

Ph: 02 9897 2776

Fax: 02 9637 4470

Website: www.swaminarayan.org/globalnetwork/fareast/sydney.htm



Sikhism

1. Gurdwara Sahib Parklea

8 Meurants Lane, Glenwood, Sydney, NSW 2768. (in the Blacktown Council Area)

Phone: 61-2-96226994

www.asainc.org.au

www.gurdwara.net/GurudwaraNet/Gurudwara_Details.aspx?GID=114

2. Sikh Mission Centre

170 Ninth Ave Austral Sydney, NSW 2171

Phone: (02) 9606 8047

3. Sikh Temple Guru Nanak

81 Kissing Point Rd Turrumurra Sydney, NSW 2074

Phone: (02) 9449 8253

4. Sri Guru Singh Sabha

14, River Road, Revesby Sydney, N.S.W 2212

Phone: (02) 9792 3501



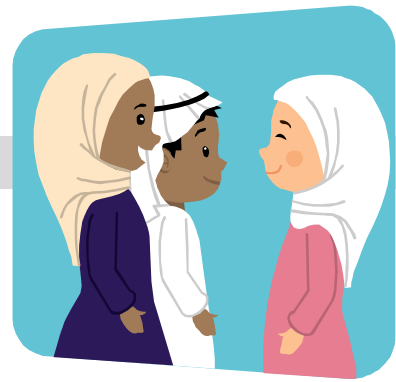
For more information, please visit www.sikh.com.au/gur_list/australia.htm or <http://singh.com.au/gurdwaras-in-sydney-new-south-wales-nsw/>

Islam

1. **Sydney CBD Musallah**
84 Pitt Street, Sydney
2. **Wynyard Musallah**
60 Clarence Street, Sydney
3. **The Auburn Gallipoli Mosque**
Auburn, NSW
www.gallipolimosque.org.au/sacred.html

The mosque is 16 kilometres due west of the south end of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Note: The mosque's attendees are primarily Turkish Sunni Muslims.



Judaism:

1. **The Great Synagogue (Sydney)**
166 Castlereagh Street, Sydney
or 187 Elizabeth Street)
Tel: 02 9267 2477

Services are on Friday evening starting at 5.45p.m.
Saturday morning starting at 7a.m and Saturday evening starting at 5p.m.

2. **Bet Yosef (The Caro Synagogue)**
Bondi, Sydney



The **Great Synagogue** front entrance in Elizabeth Street, opposite Hyde Park.



Jews and Judaism



Notes:

A Synagogue is a building where Jewish people meet for religious worship

Judaism: The Jewish religion based on the Old Testament of the Bible, the Talmud, and the later teachings of the Rabbis.