



St Barbara's Day in Crows Nest

**Friday, 2 December 2016
at 12:15pm for 12:30pm**

This year on Friday, 2 December 2016 the Sydney mining community celebrates the 1,778th birthday of St Barbara, patron saint of miners, at a new and recommended venue being the Crows Nest Hotel at 1 Willoughby Rd, Crows Nest NSW 2065 (telephone 9436 4887). The Crows Nest Hotel is a 10 minutes walk from St Leonards Railway Station, or there is Council car parking on Hume Street or Holtermann Street (both two hours free), or regular buses travel along the Pacific Highway and Willoughby Road. There will be a toast to St Barbara as usual at 12:35pm and lunch will commence at 12:45pm. If you wish to join in please email us and come along and join one of the friendly tables.

What is St Barbara's Day?

While the origin of St Barbara and her identification with mining are "lost in antiquity", the legend of the Patron Saint of Mining was written in the seventh century and mining communities throughout Europe, Latin and South America and Australia have long honoured her for her protection of miners from accidents. This year, our proud sponsors MIGNS, the Mining Industry Group North Sydney, are again delighted to present this Feast Day of St Barbara for Sydney's mining resources industry to celebrate the proud tradition of mining and to commemorate the continuing memory of St Barbara.

The 2016 St Barbara's Day in Crows Nest comprises a good lunch and the chance to gather in the one location and discuss and celebrate the achievements of the past year, as we approach the festive season and as we make our final preparations for the December 2016 SMEDG Harbour Cruise.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's event. Cost of food, depending on your enthusiasm, should be less than \$50, and if you would like a drink, the 2016 locale is perfect.

**RSVP by 1 December 2016 to
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