

# National Aborigines' Day in Sydney

On Friday 10th July—National Aborigines' Day—a special mass was celebrated by Cardinal Gilroy at the Marist Chapel near Circular Quay. Designed to mark National Aborigines' Day, the mass was attended by a large group of the Aboriginal people—both Catholics and non-Catholics. Aborigines also took a prominent part. Mr Garry Williams read the liturgy, Ricky Mumbler and Graham Mumbler served at the altar and Mrs Eva Mumbler was the soloist. The offertory procession was formed by Mr and Mrs Charles Donovan and their children Kerry, Shaune and Sharon. Mr John Galt acted as reader.

After the mass, everybody was invited upstairs for refreshments. There, Mr Herbert Groves presented the Cardinal with a plaque designed by the Aboriginal people to commemorate National Aborigines' Day, 1970.

Meanwhile, at the Town Hall, a civic reception was under way. Because it and the mass clashed a bit in time, I was late for the reception, but managed to get a photo of Miss N.A.D.O.C. with the Lord Mayor, Ald. McDermott and Aboriginal jockey, Darby McCarthy.



*Top right: Marion Green, Ald. McDermott and Darby McCarthy*

*Right: Altar boys who served at the mass included Graham and Ricky Mumbler*