In Hyde Park were gathered several hundred people, many of whom remained patiently throughout the proceedings, watching the people pouring into the cathedral, catching a glimpse of the procession as it passed through the entrance, hearing an occosional burst of choral music, and only departing when the last worshipper had passed. At about half-past ten o'clock the cathedral bells rang out for the first time since they have been placed in the tower. They are a present from Archbishop Vaughan.

The admission to the building was by ticket only, the receipts from that source being devoted to the cathedral building fund. Every part of the cathedral was occupied, and the attendance was estimated at between 3,000 and 4,000.

High Mass was celebrated by the Right Rev. Dr. Quinn, Bishop of Bathurst; assisted by the Rev. J. Fitzpatrick (deacon), Rev. Father Ginisty (subdeacon), and the Venerable Archpriest Sheehy (assistant priest). Archbishop Vaughan occupied the Archbishop's throne and the Bishops present were:—The Right Revs. Dr. Dunne (Bisbane), Dr. Murray (Maitland), Dr. Lanigan (Goulburn), Dr. Torreggiani (Armidale), Dr. Cani (Rockhampton), and Dr. Redwood (Wellington, New Zealand).

Shortly after eleven o'clock the great procession entered the church, and passed up the central aisle. First came about forty acolytes—boys in scarlet cassocks, white surplices, and blue sashes, some carrying banners of different religious orders, and two bearing massive silver gilt crosses; then