

Parishes to launch Cathedral drive

By Sylvia Defendi

As St Mary's Cathedral continues its transformation, parish Mass-goers will be called to give generously towards the conservation and completion of this symbol of faith starting from the weekend May 19 to 20.

Details of the the parish appeal which will be officially launched throughout the archdiocese this weekend were outlined to parish priests, deacons and parish representatives from across the Archdiocese at a special briefing at Highgate's Pastoral centre on April 24, where parishes and

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Looking to parishes: Archbishop Hickey speaks to parish reps on April 24. PHOTO: RON TAN



Gathering support: Fr Brian O'Loughlin speaks to parish reps. PHOTO: RON TAN

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parishioners were called to raise a minimum of 2.5 million for the Cathedral over the next three years. Archbishop Barry Hickey joined appeal manager, Brett Mendez and chairman of the parish gifts committee, Fr Brian O'Loughlin in expressing the significance of such a project.

Speaking at Sacred Heart Church in Highgate, Archbishop Hickey said the approaching May 19 and 20 parish appeal launch would call on each parish, family and individual to support the completion of the

Cathedral; in praise of God, and to grace the city and community with a living centre of faith.

"Every parish, who has contributed to the building or restoration of a Church would understand that the completion of our Cathedral is not just important to parishioners but to all the community," he said.

Packages, including details of the appeal launch and resources for promotion, were handed to all present on the briefing night.

A promotional DVD will be shown in parishes across the Archdiocese.

Kelmscott out of the blocks early for drive

By Peter Rosengren

Although the official launch of the parish division of the fundraising drive to complete St Mary's cathedral is next weekend, Kelmscott's Good Shepherd Parish was off the blocks early when it held a parish fair and jumble sale to raise funds on Sunday April 29, on the parish's feastday.

Although the drizzly weather kept the promised inflatable castle for the children away, a free sausage sizzle and second hand goods donated by parishioners for sale saw enthusiastic attendance from those who had just participated in the 10am Mass.

Strong interest in the jumble sale saw plenty of goods ranging from old video players to clothing,

cameras, cutlery and many other things besides change hands as brisk business was done.

Student clarinetists from the parish school, Good Shepherd Primary, contributed their musical talents, as did local parish musicians, while other parishioners cooked for the hungry masses.

Meanwhile, there were plenty of activities for the littler members of the parish including face painting, while for the artistic, butcher's paper on easels provided an outlet for hidden genius.

Fathers Francis Sundararajan and Miguel Zavarase, who were on hand for the celebration, later said they were both pleased with the involvement of so many and the hard work put into organising it by members of the parish and school.



Ready: Clarinet students from Kelmscott's Good Shepherd Primary prepare to play for parishioners during the parish fair on its feastday.

Artists: Parish children enjoy painting at easels during the fair. PHOTOS: PETER ROSENGREN

