

OUR CATHEDRAL

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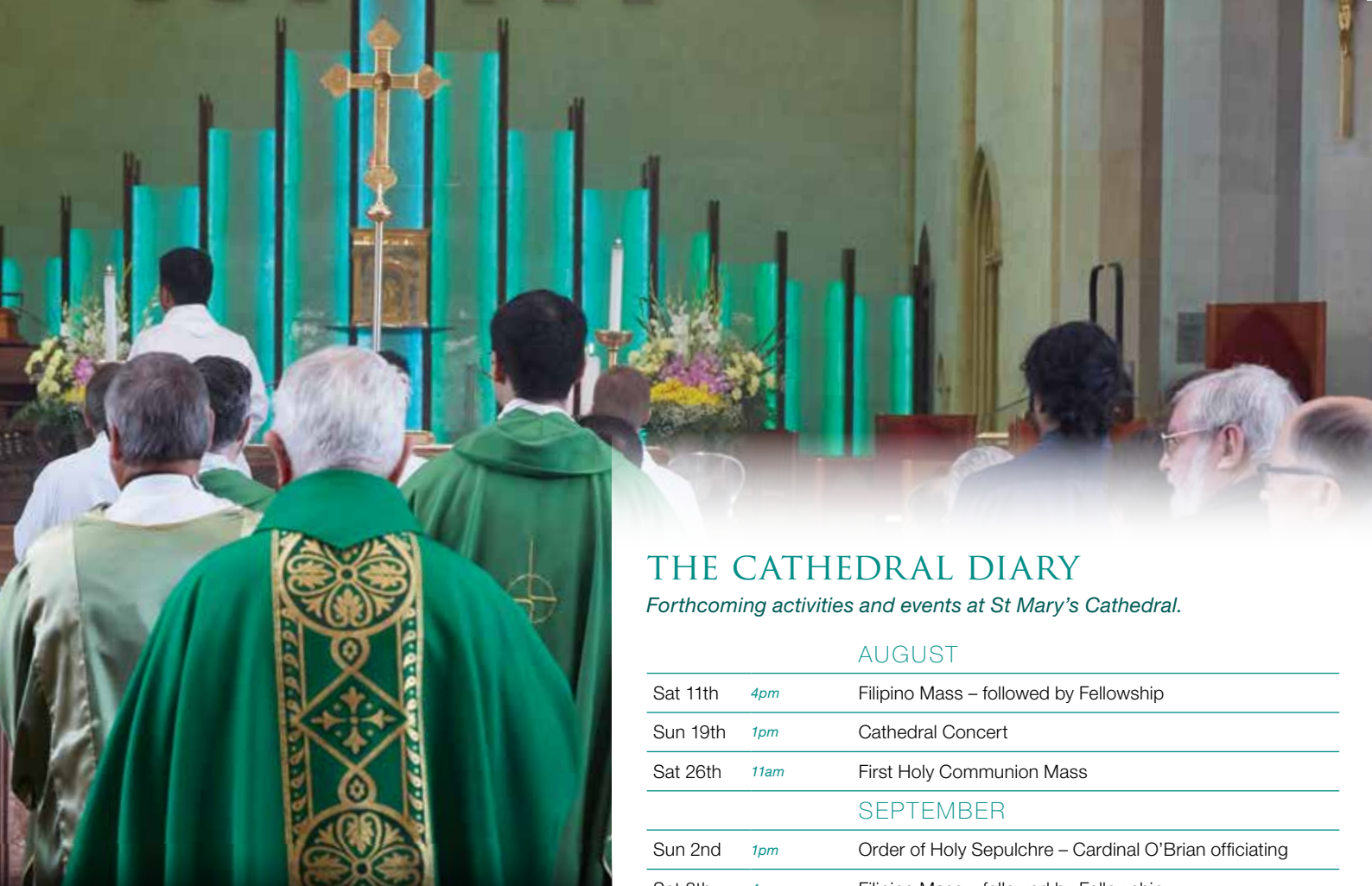
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A full-page photograph of a man with grey hair and glasses, wearing a black suit jacket over a white clerical shirt. He is standing in the center of the frame with his hands clasped in front of him, smiling warmly. The background is a cathedral interior with tall, narrow stained-glass windows in shades of blue and green. In the foreground, there is a wooden altar with two white candles in gold holders. The overall atmosphere is bright and welcoming.

Welcome 'Home'

WE WARMLY WELCOME
THE 9TH DEAN OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, PERTH
REV DR SEAN FERNANDEZ



THE CATHEDRAL DIARY

Forthcoming activities and events at St Mary's Cathedral.

AUGUST

Sat 11th	4pm	Filipino Mass – followed by Fellowship
Sun 19th	1pm	Cathedral Concert
Sat 26th	11am	First Holy Communion Mass

SEPTEMBER

Sun 2nd	1pm	Order of Holy Sepulchre – Cardinal O'Brian officiating
Sat 8th	4pm	Filipino Mass – followed by Fellowship
Sun 9th	11am	Confirmation Mass - Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB
Wed 12th	5pm	Mission Identity Mass - Auxiliary Bishop Donald Sproxtton
Sat 15th	3pm	Feast of our Lady of Peñafrancia
Sun 16th	2pm	Cathedral Community Singing II
Wed 19th	4:30pm	Australian Primary Principal Association Mass – Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB
Sat 22nd	8am	First Padre Pio Mass
Sun 23rd	8am, 9:30am, 11am & 5pm	Padre Pio – All Masses
Mon 24th	8am & 12:10pm	Padre Pio – All Masses
	4pm	Padre Pio - Healing Mass

Tue 25th	8am & 12:10pm	Padre Pio – All Masses
Wed 26th	8am	Padre Pio – All Masses
	12:10pm	Final Padre Pio Mass

OCTOBER

Sat 13th	4pm	Filipino Mass – followed by Fellowship
Sat 20th	8am	Heritage Weekend Tours
Sun 21st	12:30pm	Western Australia Symphony Orchestra Concert
Sat 27th	10am	Archdiocese Marriage Mass – Auxiliary Bishop Donald Sproxtton
Sun 28th	2pm	International Mass - Auxiliary Bishop Donald Sproxtton

NOVEMBER

Tue 6th	7:30pm	Archbishop's Liturgical Launch of Christmas Appeal for Parish Priests and Appeal Representatives
Fri 9th	5:30pm	Acolytes Institution Mass - Auxiliary Bishop Donald Sproxtton
Sat 10th	4pm	Filipino Mass – followed by Fellowship
Sun 11th	5pm	Youth Commission Mass – Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB

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A Warm Welcome

FROM THE DEAN

Rev Dr Sean Fernandez
Dean and Administrator
St Mary's Cathedral, Perth

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

When I was ordained to the priesthood at St Mary's Cathedral in 1994, I never imagined I would back here to serve as Dean! I am, of course, grateful to the Archbishop for entrusting me with this ministry in his Cathedral-Church.

Archbishop Costelloe and the former Dean, Monsignor Michael Keating, have spoken to me of the warmth and vibrancy of the Cathedral parish community and I look forward to immersing myself in this community and getting to know all of you who call the Cathedral home. I am very much aware that there are very large shoes to fill, but I trust that the Lord will give me the grace I need.

The Cathedral parish also takes in many communities including Mercedes College, Royal Perth Hospital and two Mass centres. All the parishes to which I have been posted have had a Mercy presence. At my last parish, I ministered to Santa Maria College and I look forward to continuing the Mercy connection at Mercedes of which my younger sister is an old girl.

I do not come to the Cathedral with any fixed plans. I learnt from my first parish priest, Fr Tim Corcoran, many years ago the importance of coming to know a community. Listening is key. It is something the Holy Father has alluded to often; at a ceremony commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Synod of Bishops, Pope Francis called us to listen to one another: *"The Church is nothing other than the 'journeying together' of God's flock along the paths of history towards the encounter with Christ the Lord."*

We are journeying together to the Kingdom of God and called, in the Holy Father's words, to *'a mutual listening, in which everyone has something to learn... all listening to each other, and all listening to the Holy Spirit, the "Spirit of truth" (John 14:17)'*. I shall be doing a lot of listening in the coming months.

I do not come here as one perfect and the first letter of Timothy is a comfort: *"The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life"* (1 Tim 1. 15-16). As you come to know my flaws, keep in mind that God is using me to show you just how merciful and patient He is.

This is a parish which connects the Catholic Church in Perth to other churches, religious communities, people on the margins, the city and state. As we do this, I think of Pope Francis' call to be a community of outreach, welcome and healing. The Holy Father's words have been echoed by our own Archbishop, and I think they speak to what our parishes should be:

"The thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else".

May we work to continue to make our Cathedral a community of nearness, warmth and healing.

May all feel at home in this place. Pray for me and I shall pray for you.

May it please the Lord to give us all abundant grace ever to know His most Holy will, and perfectly to fulfil it.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Rev Dr Sean Fernandez
Dean and Administrator,
St Mary's Cathedral, Perth





A Special Tribute to MONSIGNOR MICHAEL KEATING *on His Retirement*

REV MONSIGNOR MICHAEL KEATING JCD STL HON LLD

As we warmly welcome Rev Dr Sean Fernandez, the new Dean of St Mary's Cathedral, it is important that we take a moment to recognise, celebrate and give thanks for the wonderful service to the Church, and its people, of Rev Monsignor Michael Keating, Dean of St Mary's Cathedral from 2009-2018.

On Sunday 28 January 2018, celebrating his final Mass as Dean, Monsignor Michael was joined by hundreds of parishioners, family members, friends and colleagues. It was in many ways both a sad and joyful occasion. We were sad to say goodbye, but delighted that at 78 years young, Monsignor Michael would finally take time to enjoy his well-earned retirement... however as one might expect, he continues to be just as busy in his 'alleged retirement' celebrating Masses, funerals and weddings.

I had the pleasure of working with and for Monsignor Keating for more than 25 years. In fact, in 1992/93, as Vicar General at that time, it was he who first employed me to work for the Archdiocese as the inaugural Manager of the LifeLink organisation. Over the years, he has proven to be an experienced and wise mentor, a motivational 'boss', a supportive colleague, and a much valued and loyal friend.

I think it was our time working together on the historic St Mary's Cathedral Conservation & Completion Appeal that cemented our friendship. Whilst the construction and restoration commenced in 2007, the planning and research for the appeal started many years before, under the guidance of Monsignor Keating as the Appeal Chairman appointed by Emeritus Archbishop Barry Hickey. As Appeal Manager, I worked closely with Monsignor and his Appeal Committee. The original goal was to arise \$15 million to complete the Cathedral however as history now records, due to rising construction costs during the economic boom, additional needs discovered during the restoration and evolving changes, the eventual cost would be \$32.9 million – a significant undertaking indeed.

Thankfully, we achieved this target... thanks to the amazing work of so many amazing people, and the generosity of so many more. It would take volumes to name you all individually, so I won't try to do so in this newsletter.

I truly believe that if not for the leadership, the commitment and sheer hard work of Monsignor Keating and Emeritus Archbishop Hickey, we would not have the magnificent Cathedral that we all enjoy today.

Whilst continuing to serve as Parish Priest of Bateman, Monsignor Keating made himself available to attend every meeting, every major donor request, and every function... from morning teas for 5 persons to major launch events for literally thousands of people.

I recall our brilliantly successful appeal launch to the entire Catholic community at John XXIII College which started the momentum for the appeal. The launch to the Clergy & Religious held on a night where even the near cyclonic conditions failed to dampen the spirits of the guests. The special donor functions held on site at the Cathedral during the middle of construction, where mud and debris were turned into the most elegant of venues.

To every request, every 'out there' fundraising idea presented, Monsignor responded with 'Yes' and a smile.

Monsignor Michael Keating served as Dean of our beautiful Cathedral for 9-10 years, however, he has served the Church for more than 56 years. I thought that 'our' tribute to him, and as a reminder of his service for us, that we would re-publish the inclusion from the December 2012 issue of Our Cathedral which celebrated his Golden Jubilee. I hope you all enjoy the following pages.

Monsignor, our heartfelt best wishes to you on your retirement. Should you need a travelling companion to Rome at any time, you know where I am.

By Brett Mendez, Editor, 'Our Cathedral' newsletter



Celebrating

MONSIGNOR MICHAEL JOHN KEATING



Monsignor Keating with Pope Francis in St Peter's Square, Rome, 6 June 2018



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Monsignor Keating meets Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

Michael John Keating was born at the St John of God Hospital in Subiaco, Perth, on the 18th of January 1940, lovingly welcomed into the world by his parents, Leonard and Ursula KEATING (nee JOHNSTON).

He has two sisters Gabrielle Galvin and Pauline Logan, eight nieces and nephews (all married) and twenty great nieces and nephews. He is very close to his family and very grateful for their loving support.

The family lived at Harborne Street, Wembley, that would be the family home for the first eleven years of young Michael's life, which he recalls as *"a happy time which holds many fond memories for me and for my sisters"*.

His father followed in the footsteps of his own father (Michael's grandfather) who owned and operated McLean & Keating Tailors. Some years after the Second World War, following the growing popularity of ready-to-wear suits, his father left the tailoring business and built a career in real estate.

Michael's mother, Ursula, regarded as a beautiful and gracious woman by all who met her, was well known within the Catholic community. She was an active member of the Catholic Women's League and various other Catholic bodies such as the Legion of Mary.

Michael's early schooling was provided by the Brigidine Sisters at the Convent Primary School in Subiaco. At age 11, following his family's move to South Perth, he attended Aquinas College. The family relocated to Nedlands where his sisters went to Loreto Convent and Michael's secondary education would be undertaken at the St Louis Jesuit School. St Louis later became known as John XXIII College when it amalgamated with Loreto Convent. Though only a one-stream school, St Louis has had a big influence on the Church of Perth.





Michael's parents had a deep faith and love of the Church. His great aunt was a Sister of Our Lady of the Missions and he loved serving as an altar boy at St Joseph's Subiaco and Holy Rosary Nedlands. It came as no surprise when he announced, at a very early age, that he wanted to become a priest. He attended St Charles Seminary in Guildford until 1959, when he was advised that Archbishop Prendiville was sending him to Rome to complete his studies.

He attended Propaganda Fide College in Rome from 1959-1963. He loved the Vatican, its many Churches, the food, the culture and still loves returning to Rome on pilgrimages.



Michael was Ordained a Priest on 22 December 1962.

He was ordained with 32 others in the College of Propaganda Fide Rome by Cardinal Gregory Peter Agagianian. It was a joyous day made even more special by the attendance of his father, mother and his sister Pauline. Gabrielle

was pregnant with her third child Michelle who was born soon after Michael's ordination.

Father Michael was delighted and excited to be granted the honour as a Deacon of acting as an Official at the Second Vatican Council Rome (1962) where he served the gathered Bishops in St Peter's Basilica. Fr Michael was fortunate to be in Rome for all four sessions of the Second Vatican Council.

Following his ordination, Father Michael undertook post graduate studies at the Urbaniana University and resided at St Peters College, Rome, from 1963-1966. Upon completion of his studies, he returned to Australia, having spent two summers in the United States and one travelling around Europe.

Father Michael has served at the following parishes:

- St Mary Star of the Sea, Cottesloe (1966-1972)
- St Brigid's, Northbridge (1972-1974)
- St Gerard's, Mirrabooka (1974-1984)
- Sacred Heart, Highgate (1984-1993)
- St Thomas More, Bateman (1997-2009)
- St Mary's Cathedral (2009-2018)

In 1982 he was appointed a Monsignor. Monsignor Keating served as Vicar General from 1984-2000 for both Archbishop Foley and Archbishop Hickey, undertaking the role full-time from 1993-1997.

Monsignor Keating holds the following Degrees:

- Bachelor & Licentiate in Theology
- Bachelor, Licentiate & Doctorate in Canon Law
- Honorary Doctorate of Laws, Notre Dame University

In addition to his parish pastoral work, Monsignor Keating has served, and continues to serve, on various Committees and Boards that include the following:-

- Judicial Vicar, Province of WA *Continues to serve*
- Notre Dame University – Trustee and Governor ... (1991-2018)
- Chairman, Catholic Education Commission ... (2002-2018)
- Chairman, Archdiocesan Finance Council (2002-2018)
- Chairman, Cathedral Restoration Fund-raising Committee (1996-2018)

A little known fact is that during his time as an Assistant Priest at Cottesloe, Monsignor Keating established the organisation "Christian Holiday Homes Inc" which afforded literally thousands of children the chance of enjoying what was for most, their very first real holiday adventure by the sea. Monsignor recalls that "so many people gave so generously to make this possible. In 1971, my first ever appeal at Cottesloe raised more than \$3000 in a matter of days".



Editor's Note: The release of this issue of Our Cathedral newsletter was delayed to welcome the new Dean. We have, therefore, included a few items from the end of 2017 for your interest and information.



Deacons Joseph Laundy, Konrad Gagatek, Tung Vu, Kenneth Acosta Garcia, Patricio Carrera Morales and Mariusz Grzech prepare to dedicate their lives to the priesthood during their Ordination on Friday 17 November 2017 at St Mary's Cathedral.

ORDINATION TO THE *Priesthood*

17th
Nov

It was a joyous celebration as six men were Ordained to the Priesthood at St Mary's Cathedral.

More than 1300 people gathered for the priestly ordination of Fr Joseph Laundy, Fr Kenneth Acosta Garcia, Fr Konrad Gagatek, Fr Patricio Carrera Morales, Fr Mariusz Grzech and Fr Tung Vu.

The Ordination Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB and concelebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Don Sproxtton, Emeritus Archbishop Barry Hickey, Vicar General the Very Rev Fr Peter Whitely and Rev Monsignor Michael Keating. Bishop Joseph Dang Duc Ngan of Da Nang Diocese, from where Fr Tung Vu originally hails, also travelled to Perth to concelebrate for the occasion. In total, some 200 priests from across the Perth, Bunbury, Broome and Geraldton Dioceses also concelebrated the occasion.

In his homily, Archbishop Costelloe spoke about the role of ordained ministry, explaining that through the labours (of ordained clergy), God's people are enabled to bear fruit, which the Lord wishes to bring to fullness in his Church and in his world.

"This gift of a vocation to the ministerial priesthood – and it is indeed a beautiful and precious gift – is given not so much for the priest himself, but for all those who will be drawn through the priest's life and ministry into an ever deeper relationship of love for and commitment to the Lord" Archbishop Costelloe said.

The newly ordained men hail from several nations, including **Australia** (Joseph Laundy) **Poland** (Mariusz Grzech and Konrad Gagatek), **Vietnam** (Tung Vu), **Dominican Republic** (Kenneth Acosta Garcia) and **Guatemala** (Patricio Carrera Morales).





23rd
Dec

Filipino Community Celebrates Novena Simbang Gabi

Members of the Filipino community from across the Archdiocese packed St Mary's Cathedral in the lead up to Christmas over a series of nine evenings for the annual tradition of Simbang Gabi (Filipino for 'Night Mass').



Simbang Gabi is a religious tradition of the Filipinos, annually celebrated in anticipation of Christmas, as well as to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary. Handed over by Spanish missionaries in the 1600s, it involves a devotional Novena of Masses celebrated either in the early morning before sunrise or in the evening after sunset.

Auxiliary Bishop of Perth, Donald Sproxton celebrated the first of the nine Masses on 15 December 2017, with each subsequent evening Mass celebrated by Emeritus Archbishop Barry Hickey, Fathers Conor Steadman, Nelson Po, Jean-Noel Marie, Brennan Sia, Geronimo Dalipe and Monsignor Michael Keating, before Perth Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB celebrated Mass for the culmination of the Novena on 23 December 2017.

This year, each of the nine letters of the word 'Christmas' corresponded with the theme for each specific day related to the virtues of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The themes focused on Mary's charity, humility, reverence, integrity of faith & life, (inner) silence, trust and fidelity to God, missionary zeal & discipleship, availability and presence to respond to God's call and her service and servanthood.

St Mary's Cathedral Assistant Priest, Fr Jeffrey Casabuena, is the only Filipino priest at the Cathedral and led the organisation of Simbang Gabi this year. Fr Casabuena explained that the idea behind Simbang Gabi is the celebration and preparation for Christmas in anticipation of Jesus' coming as the Light of the World.

"Traditionally in the Philippines, the nine days before Christmas would see people wake up early in the morning to attend Mass and then go to the farms to work and welcome the dawn of the new day together. As the Gospel of John says, Jesus is the Light of the World, so it's a beautiful tradition for Filipinos in symbolically welcoming the light of the world into our daily lives in the lead up to Christmas."

At Christmas, we had both Filipinos as well as Australians from across the Archdiocese (who were curious about the tradition) attend over the nine days, and they filled the Cathedral almost every evening", he said



No greater reason for rejoicing than



*Children's Mass,
Christmas Eve*





CHRISTMAS 2017

celebrating the birth of Christ



We are delighted to share with you a selection of these beautiful photos, taken at the Children's Mass and Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve last year, that express the joy of Christmas.

Record numbers of people attended all Masses at St Mary's Cathedral during this special time.

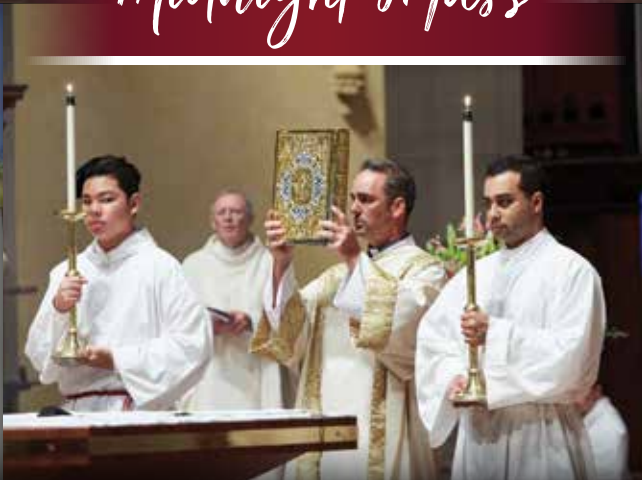
As part of his homily on Christmas Eve, Archbishop Timothy said "Christmas offers us the assurance that each one of us, in our struggles, and our limitations, and our frailty and brokenness, as well as in our gifts and talents, is deeply loved and cherished by the God who gave us the gift of life in the first place and who wants us to be able to live this gift joyfully and creatively and serenely".





CHRISTMAS 2017

Midnight Mass





30th
Jan

Catholic Education WA – Celebrates Commissioning Mass

Put God and your students first, Archbishop tells new teachers.

Catholic education needs Christian and Catholic educators if it is to be true to itself, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB told a packed St Mary's Cathedral on 31 January, as he commissioned more than 180 new staff now at work in Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) schools in Perth.

More than 700 Catholic school staff and students, representing 113 Catholic schools throughout Perth, were joined by the Acting Executive Director of CEWA, Dr Debra Sayce and by WA Minister for Police Michelle Roberts MLA and the WA Minister for Education and Training Sue Ellery MLC. Concelebrating at this annual Mass was Auxiliary Bishop Don Sproston, Vicar General Fr Peter Whitely, outgoing Dean of St Mary's Cathedral, Monsignor Michael Keating, as well as 15 other priests.

Archbishop Costelloe invoked the example of the saints in reflecting on the role of a Catholic educator, focusing on the witness of fellow Salesian St John Bosco, who was *"before anything else a disciple of Jesus"*.

"St John Bosco (had an) unshakeable conviction that to be involved in the care of the young means to put the young person at the heart of all that you say and do," Archbishop Costelloe said of the 19th century educator of destitute children and young people in Turin, Italy.

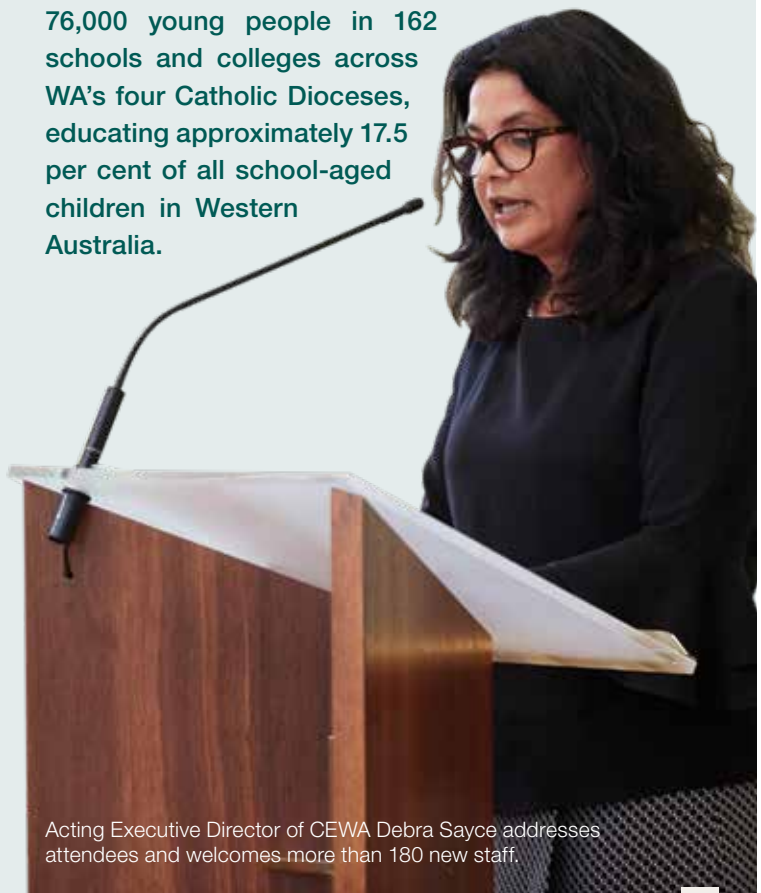
"On one occasion, speaking directly to the young people he was caring for he said, 'For you I study, for you I work, for you I live, for you I am ready even to give my life'... These of course are nice-sounding words ... They are also a challenge to all of us who are caught up in the delicate, demanding and privileged task of educating the young people entrusted to us by their parents" he said.

Archbishop Costelloe issued scrolls of commissioning to each new teacher, blessing them before asking the remainder of the congregation to also extend their hands in blessing.

In welcoming people to the event, Dr Debra Sayce, said that educators in Catholic schools looked forward *"with hope and enthusiasm to the countless opportunities that we as educators in Catholic schools and colleges will have to develop our students – to grow and to learn"*.

"The role of your school community has an important place in faith, which is part of the Church in a very real and very important sense. We are thrilled that you are bringing your expertise, your love for teaching and learning, your calling to this vocation, to enrich your school communities and the lives of students", she said.

CEWA schools teach more than 76,000 young people in 162 schools and colleges across WA's four Catholic Dioceses, educating approximately 17.5 per cent of all school-aged children in Western Australia.



Acting Executive Director of CEWA Debra Sayce addresses attendees and welcomes more than 180 new staff.

17th
Mar

St Patrick's Day

AT THE CATHEDRAL

Celebrating the annual St Patrick's Mass at St Mary's Cathedral this year, Rev Father Greg Donovan said there was much to learn from Saint Patrick, Apostle of Ireland, who dedicated more than thirty years of his life to spreading the Gospel of Christ.

"His humility, sacrifice and faithfulness to God is something we must all strive to follow" said Fr Donovan

The Feast Day, which coincides with Ireland's National Day, was attended by some 400 devotees, including the Minister of State at the Department of Health, Mr Jim Daly TD and his Special Adviser, Mr Darren Hourihane, who travelled from Ireland to join in the festivities and deliver a message from the President of Ireland. Honorary Consul's of Ireland to WA, Mr Marty Kavanagh and Mr Richard Matias, also hosted Canberra's Embassy of Ireland Second Secretary, Mr Graham Harnett.

The congregation, dressed mainly in green, was greeted by Celtic and Irish-inspired music by a quartet, followed by a procession of St Patrick banners and flags represented by various Irish Clubs in WA.

At the conclusion of Mass, a traditional liturgical dance by the children of the WA Academy of Irish Dancing, as well as a mesmerising rendition of 'Ave Maria' and 'Panis Angelicus' by Cathedral soloist, Attracta Connolly, were performed. The Mass concluded with the hymn "Hail, Glorious St Patrick".

Parishioner Mr Bernard O'Sullivan, 68, who is of Irish decent, regarded the celebration as a family tradition. *"My family and I have been participating in the St Patrick's Day Mass for over 46 years now, and we usually have a meal together after Mass at the Irish Club in Subiaco. St Patrick basically represents the Irish community as the best example to follow, and we proudly honour him"*, he said.

St John of God Sister, Vitalis Kilroy, a regular at the annual celebrations, said it was lovely to be able to meet so many Irish people and pray with them in honour of the beloved Saint.



Representatives from the Irish Families in Perth displayed their banner during the final procession at the St Patrick's Day celebrations.



Minister of State at the Department of Health Jim Daly who flew in from Ireland for the Mass is seen delivering the official address from the President of Ireland.



Fr Donovan challenged the congregation to follow in the footsteps of St Patrick during his Homily



Rite of Election 2018

22nd
Feb

Taking courage and not being afraid to answer the call to baptism and full communion in the Church, in following Jesus and being His living presence in the world, was at the core of the Archbishop's homily for the Rite of Election of Catechumens and Formal Recognition of Candidates.

An annual Lenten ceremony which marks an important step in the conversion journey of both the catechumens (those unbaptised) and the candidates (those baptised in other Christian denominations), this year's event saw 155 people presented alongside their sponsors to the Archbishop and his delegates.

The Archbishop's delegates included Auxiliary Bishop Don Sproxton, Vicar General the Very Rev Father Peter Whitely and Acting Cathedral Dean, Fr Don Kettle.

In his homily, Archbishop Costelloe emphasised that God has been at work deep within the catechumens and candidates, calling and inviting them to follow Him, adding that doing so involves becoming a means by which Christ reaches out to others.

"Just as Jesus chose His first disciples, so He has chosen you. Just as Jesus asked of His first disciples that they bear fruit that will last, so He is asking the same of you. The call to baptism and the call to full communion in the Lord's Church is a precious gift which the Lord wants to give you, but it is a gift He offers not just for you, but so that through you, Christ will reach out to others offering them the gift of life and hope" he said.





25th
Mar

Palm Sunday Mass





Holy Week 2018

St Mary's Cathedral welcomed many thousands of worshippers to celebrations during Holy Week this year. Beginning with Palm Sunday, where Archbishop Costelloe reminded us that this was the beginning of our accompaniment of Jesus as he enters into Jerusalem, receiving the enthusiastic welcome of the crowds. *"But as we know, and as Jesus must also have known, many of these same people will turn against Jesus: that his entry into Jerusalem is in fact his entry into death. And yet, he does not turn back"*, he said.

At the Chrism Mass, more than 180 Archdiocesan priests joined Archbishop Timothy Costelloe for the Blessing of the three Holy Oils - Oil of Catechumens, Oil of the Sick and Oil of the Chrism. The Holy Oils are used in Parishes for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Anointing of the Sick. Then the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday, Stations of the Cross and the Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Friday, the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday and Easter Sunday Mass.

Please enjoy these wonderful images from our Holy Week celebrations.

Chrism Mass

27th
Mar



Mass of The Lord's Supper

29th
Mar



Solemn Celebration of The Lord's Passion

30th
Mar



Stations of the Cross

30th
Mar





Easter Vigil Mass

31st Mar





Easter Sunday Mass

1st
April







8th
April

Divine Mercy Mass



Rev Fr Donald Kettle, Acting Dean, celebrated the Divine Mercy Mass at St Mary's Cathedral this year.

He said *"There are several ways that we as Catholics can experience the Mercy of God. The Lord wants to take all our burdens from us, but first we must approach Him."*

The Mass was concelebrated by Fr David Watt, Fr Marcellinus Meilak (OFM), Fr Andre Nahhas, Fr Mariusz Grzech , and Fr Nicholas Nweke, joined by hundreds of people in attendance.

The annual devotions, which commenced in 1992, started at 1.00pm with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Confession and Holy Rosary which reflected on the Glorious mysteries. The congregation then participated in Divine Mercy prayers and Benediction, and venerated the relic of Saint Faustina Kowalska, who is known as the Saint of the Blessed Sacrament.

Fr Kettle challenged the congregation to believe in the power of confession, as it is God's gift to His Church, citing that many Catholics these days choose to receive Holy Communion, but do not believe in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

"People today would rather have an imaginary truth rather than have truth itself. We cannot doubt the necessity of the sacraments without doubting Christ Himself. Therefore, we need to put our faith in the truth, not the truth we wish to believe in, but the truth Himself", said Father Kettle.

He invited those present to look back on the events that occurred following Jesus Resurrection' from the dead. *"Jesus appeared to his apostles and greeted them saying 'peace be with you'. He prayed over them and gave them the power of the Holy Spirit, which gave them the power to forgive sins. This is why we confess our sins to a priest. To doubt these things is to doubt Jesus Christ himself"*, he said.

Father Kettle left the congregation with a powerful message on St Faustina's account of Jesus' promise on the topic of confession.

"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened", he said.







12th
April

WAAPA CONCERT *Breaks Record*

St Mary's Cathedral was filled to capacity for this special performance, the first time the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) has 'sold out' its annual concert at the Cathedral.

Vocal students from WAAPA, the Faith Court Orchestra and students from John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School wowed the audience. The featured piece this year was the well-known Mozart's 'Requiem' written in 1791. Mozart was composing this piece when close to death, and it was left unfinished at the time of his passing.

Jacinta Jakovcevic, Director of Music said:

"It was wonderful to see the students of both WAAPA and the young treble choristers from John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School performing the 'Requiem' of Mozart to a full house.

This piece is beloved of both audiences and musicians world-wide – and a work which these young musicians will perform many times during their life as professional musicians. The opportunity for them to perform this as soloists, chorus members and orchestral members at a young age is quite special.

It's also interesting to note that many such Mass settings of this era were indeed written for use in Masses and liturgies at the time – so to give our young students the opportunity to experience these Sacred works in an actual Church building (in comparison to a secular concert venue) is a truly unique experience for them, affording them an insight into the actual environment these works were composed for...it adds great educational value to the experience for them", said Jacinta.







CATHEDRAL CONCERT SERIES

Something Special

29th
April

The first instalment
in the St Mary's Cathedral Concert
Series for 2018 was Gloria! Lux Aeterna.

Featuring our own magnificent Cathedral Choir supported by students from the University Conservatorium of Music, this first performance was enjoyed by over 200 music lovers.

The Cathedral Concert Series is part of our ongoing commitment to encourage young talent, especially in this special Year of Youth. The Cathedral Choir joined forces with the students from UWA Conservatorium of Music to present a varied programme ranging from venerable classics such as Vivaldi's 'Gloria', to a number of contemporary works including Ola Gjielo's 'Ubi Caritas', which is fast becoming a modern classic in its own right.

Jacinta Jakovcevic, Director of Music, said

"On a bit of a personal note, I felt quite excited at the inclusion of a world premiere in this programme. The piece was 'Lux Aeterna' written by Olivia Bettina Davies (b. 1988).

A number of years ago, I was Olivia's piano accompanist for her Year 11 and 12 music exams! It's very exciting to see her progress and be part of her achievements", she said.



20th
May

Cathedral Hosts **Pan Pacific Chinese Conference** Mass

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB used the Pan Australian Catholic Chinese Community (CCC) Forum to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, and to discuss the Plenary Council.



The sixth tri-annual Pan Australian CCC Forum was held in Perth concluding with this evening Mass at St Mary's Cathedral. Hosted by the Perth Chinese Catholic Community (PCCC), the theme of this year's forum was "Christian Life for the New Generation" in response to the Australian Bishops Year of Youth for 2018.

The PCCC was formed in 1991 and currently has some 200 active members. The Pan Australian CCC Forum included a three-day conference from 18 to 20 May at St John of God Retreat Centre, Shoalwater. On the agenda this year were four topics: senior members reaching retirement age, middle aged groups finding it difficult to participate in Church and community life due to various factors, youths in search of their way in faith, and those who require direction and guidance in community service and vocational discernment.

PCCC representative, Mr Gregory Lo, who co-ordinates liturgy tasks for the group, said the Perth community was honoured to host the Pan Australian CCC Forum.

"We had young members join us for the conference, which is unusual as the topics can be of a mature nature. The event ran smoothly, especially because it was Pentecost, it was so meaningful. Our members are eager to spread the good news of the Lord back in their communities", said Mr Lo.

Archbishop Costelloe principal, celebrant for the Mass, was joined by concelebrants Fathers Patrick Lim (Perth), Francis Ching (Toronto), Andrew Zhang (Xi'an), Peter Choy (Auckland) and Aloysius Nato (Melbourne).



Members of the Pan Australian CCC pose for a photo with Archbishop Timothy Costelloe at St Mary's Cathedral. Photo: Matthew Lau.



Manning Parish Priest Fr Patrick Lim proclaimed the Gospel reading, that marked the feast of Pentecost.



Members of the Pan Australian CCC offer one another a sign of peace.



The Plenary Council candles were blessed and distributed to parish and agency representatives, with the encouragement to conduct their own Plenary Council launch with their local parish community.



Archbishop Costelloe lights the Plenary Council candle at the Perth launch on 26 May.

Archdiocesan Plenary Council Coordinator, Mr Tony Giglia, helps distribute candles at the Perth launch of the 2020 Plenary Council journey.

26th
May

Plenary 2020 journey launched at Vigil Mass of Trinity Sunday

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB officially launched the 2020 Plenary Council journey for the Archdiocese of Perth on 26 May 2018.

The launch of the 2020 Plenary Council journey, which took place at the Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Trinity, was a unique opportunity for Archbishop Costelloe to invite those present to ask a fundamental question; Who is this God, whom Jesus makes known, and what is this God calling us to do and to be?

Archbishop Costelloe explained that, in simple terms a Plenary Council is a solemn gathering of all the Catholic Bishops of a region – in our case, of the whole of Australia – to prayerfully discern what we believe God is asking of us all.

“Over the next 12 months there will be opportunities for all of us who care about the Church to share our hopes and dreams together. It is this sharing of hopes and dreams, based on our prayerful listening to the voice of God’s Spirit speaking in our lives and in our hearts, which will guide the Bishops as they seek to be the humble servants and shepherds of God’s Church”, he said.

Archbishop Costelloe said that the celebration of the Holy Trinity was an especially appropriate time to launch this major event here in our Archdiocese, because it is in this Feast that we discover the very heart of our faith.

“Believing what we do about Jesus as the Son of God, we know that Jesus in his humanity unveils the hidden mystery

of God to us in a way that we can at least to some extent understand. In doing so, Jesus also reveals the nature of our human and Christian vocation, for we are all called to be together the signs and bearers of God’s love for others, just as He was”, he said.

More than 500 representatives from parishes, agencies, groups and lay faithful gathered for the Mass, which was con-celebrated by Vicar General Fr Peter Whitely, Acting Cathedral Dean Fr Don Kettle, Assistant Parish Priests Fr Stephen Gorddard, Fr Jeffery Casabuena and Fr Conor Steadman, and Redemptoris Mater Seminary Rector Fr Michael Moore SM. Several other priests from across the Archdiocese were also present for the occasion.

At the commencement of the Mass, Archbishop Costelloe blessed and lit the Plenary Council candle, recognising the call to the urgent, challenging but Spirit-led task of trying to discern exactly what God, at this moment in our history, is asking of us.

“In a very real sense today’s Feast already provides us with the answer. God is asking us, as His Church, to become in practice what we are in our deepest and truest identity: a living, powerful, unmistakable and convincing sign and bearer of God’s love made known to us in Jesus”, said the Archbishop.

Smaller versions of the candle were also blessed by Archbishop Costelloe and received by the representatives, with the encouragement to conduct their own Plenary Council launch with their local parish community.

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