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The Newsletter of St Mary's Cathedral, Perth, Western Australia

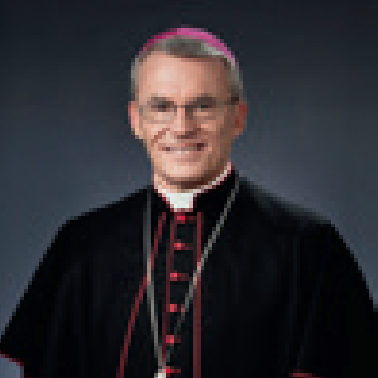
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Joy
TO THE WORLD
Peace
TO THE PEOPLE ON EARTH





A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB
Archbishop of Perth

Dear Friends,

As many people would be aware Christmas 2014 marks the centenary of that remarkable time at the start of the First World War when the Germans and British (and French as well according to some reports) laid down their weapons and began to exchange seasonal greetings and songs with the soldiers in the opposing trenches. These soldiers walked across to talk to their opposite numbers bearing gifts, mingling, exchanging food and souvenirs, playing soccer games together, joining in carol singing and even having joint burial services.

This very moving story points to the extraordinary power of the Christmas story to touch people at the deepest level even in the midst of great suffering, brutality and even hatred. Christmas seems to draw out of us our real humanity and invite us to be our best selves. If it was so one hundred years ago on the battlefields of Europe it can certainly happen for us here in our own beautiful corner of the world.

I do not know which Christmas carols were sung on those occasions although we can be fairly sure that one of them was "Silent Night". The miracle of this event was precisely that the guns fell silent and it was indeed a silent night, a peaceful night, punctuated only by religious songs and the cries of "Happy Christmas".



German soldiers of the 134th Saxon Regiment photographed with men of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment in No Man's Land on the Western Front during the "Christmas Truce" - 1914.



A cross, left in Saint-Yvon, Warneton in Belgium in 1999, to celebrate the site of the Christmas Truce during the First World War in 1914

The text reads: "1914 - The Khaki Chum's Christmas Truce - 1999 - 85 Years - Lest We Forget."

CHRISTMAS EVE Wednesday, 24 December 2014

6.00pm Children's Mass

Children are asked to bring a gift of non-perishable food for the needy and dress up as angels, shepherds or other biblical figures.

9.00pm Vigil Mass

For people wanting to celebrate a night Mass, but find Midnight Mass a little late.

12.00am Midnight Mass

Preceded by Lessons and Carols
10.30pm - 11.30pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY Thursday, 25th December 2014

Christmas Day Masses

8.00am

9.30am

11.00am

5.00pm

Other Churches in the Cathedral Parish:

St Catherine's, Bedford Avenue, Subiaco
Thursday 8.30am Mass

St Francis Xavier, Windsor Street, Perth
Thursday 9.30am Mass

FROM THE ARCHBISHOP



“PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARDS MEN.”

“PEACE ON EARTH TO PEOPLE WITH WHOM GOD IS PLEASED.”

Perhaps some of those Christmas greetings used the phrase “Peace on earth, good will towards men”. It is a common greeting and one which seems to capture the hope of Christmas very well. None of us would argue with it. It is worth remembering, though, that what the angels are reported to have said, according to the more common translation, is “Peace on earth to people with whom God is pleased”.

Both translations are important and have something to offer us. The first reminds us that with the coming of Christ among us, God offers us his gift of peace and in this way extends his good will, his loving kindness, to us. It also hints that we, in our turn, are asked to be bringers of peace and good will to others. If we want our lives and our world to be marked by peace and good will it is up to us to do something about it. While this is a task for every day, Christmas offers us a special opportunity to recommit ourselves to being people of peace. And after all who really wants to be a bringer of discord and disharmony?

The second translation, “peace on earth to people with whom God is pleased”, reminds us that life is a gift from God which is also a task. The great blessing of peace will be the fruit of a life lived in openness to God and in gratitude to God for his goodness to us. St Augustine once reminded us that our hearts will always be restless until we find our rest in God. Living our lives in fidelity to God is the way to this peace which only God can give.

It is my prayer for all of you that you and your loved ones really do experience this wonderful gift of peace as you gather, in your homes, in your churches, and perhaps here in the Cathedral, to celebrate once again the birth of Jesus. And as we say each time we celebrate the Eucharist:

“May the peace of the Lord be with you always”.

Yours sincerely,

+Timothy Costelloe SDB

+Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB
Archbishop of Perth





Rev Fr Peter Whitely, Vicar General, Monsignor Michael Keating, Dean, Bishop Donald Sproston and Emeritus Archbishop Barry Hickey at the celebration of the Ordinations of Rev Fr Christian Idri and Rev Fr Mark Baumgarten.

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THE CATHEDRAL DIARY

Forthcoming activities and events at St Mary's Cathedral.

NOVEMBER

Sun 30th Nov to Sun 7th Dec
- 7.30pm
(after Mass on weekends)

Nightly Novena to Our Lady leading up to Feast of the Immaculate Conception

DECEMBER

Wed 3rd - 8.30am Mercedes College - Grandparents Mass

Wed 3rd - 1.30pm Department of Corrective Services

Fri 5th - 9.00am Mercedes College - Advent Liturgy

Mon 8th - 8.00am & 12.10am Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tues 9th - 6.00pm Notre Dame Graduation Mass

Thurs 18th - 2.30pm Catholic Homes Carol Service

Fri 19th - 9.30am Irene McCormack College Staff Mass

JANUARY

Sun 11th - 2.00pm Croatian Catholic Community Thanksgiving Mass

FEBRUARY

Mon 2nd - 9.00am Mercedes College Opening Mass

Mon 2nd - 7.00pm Mass for Religious Orders

Wed 11th - 4.30pm Schools' Commissioning Mass - Western Region

Thurs 12th - 4.30pm Schools' Commissioning Mass - Eastern Region

Mon 16th - 6.00pm Mercedes College Family Mass - Yrs 8/10/11

Tues 17th - 6.00pm Mercedes College Family Mass - Yrs 7/9/12

Thurs 26th - 7.30pm RCIA - Rite of Election - Liturgy

MARCH

Tues 3rd - 8.00pm Perth International Arts Festival Concert

Tues 17th - 10.00am St Patrick's Day Mass

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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Rev Monsignor Michael Keating
Dean and Administrator
St Mary's Cathedral, Perth

Dear Friends of the Cathedral,

As you read this we are coming to the end of 2014 or already in 2015. What has 2014 been for you and yours? For the world it seems to me to have been a challenging year. From wars in Iraq and Syria and other places where fellow Christians have had a particularly hard time, to Ebola in West Africa and particularly the terrible **MH17** tragedy and so on.

I always feel gratitude for my faith and family, for the joy of working in our beautiful Cathedral and for the great privilege of living in Australia. I always ask myself *"Am I doing enough for the homeless and needy people I see on my morning walk around the city?"* What am I really **sacrificing** for my sisters and brothers around our world, our Global Village? We will all **one** day have to account for what we have done or have not done.

Thank you to the many people who come to Mass at the Cathedral or who visit it. If you are visitors, you are very welcome. A remarkable thing about our Cathedral is the number of volunteers who perform so many tasks. Some even devote a day every week to help. I have never seen this in any other parish. God bless them all.

What will 2015 bring?

What about our homes? Let words like: **"I forgive you"** – **"I appreciate you"** – **"Please forgive me"** – **"Can I help"** and **"Thank You"** be on our lips at home, at work and at study.

I hope in 2015 we will all let go of anger, hatred and the past, and grow in love of God and others.

Have a wonderful 2015 of **health, happiness and peace**. Live simply, give more and expect less. If we truly are givers of time, talents and treasure, we will experience true joy. May this joy be ours.

Please give generously to the huge upkeep costs of our lovely Cathedral and remember generously the Cathedral in your Will.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Keating".

Rev Monsignor Michael Keating
Dean, St Mary's Cathedral, Perth





13th
July

Cathedral Hosts Choristers' 40th Anniversary

The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) Choristers, both past and present, filled the Sanctuary of St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 13 July 2014 for a special celebration.

The Western Australian Branch of RSCM holds its annual winter school for members of choirs (better known as Choristers' Camp) at a different location across the State every year.

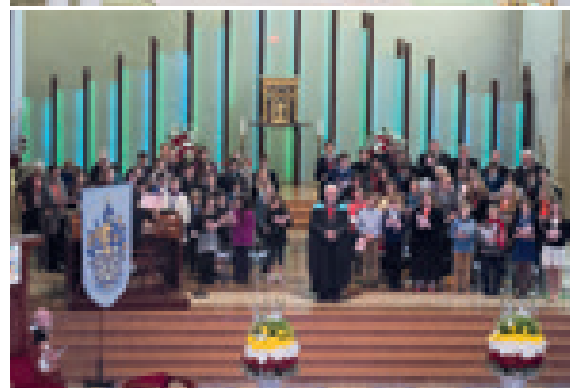
The City of Perth was chosen as the destination for the 2014 Choristers' Camp, a celebration of its 40th anniversary. A crowded bus of over 50 choristers arrived at the gates of St Mary's Cathedral to prepare to sing at the 11 o'clock Mass. Some of the Cathedral's own choristers were also involved but the majority were from far-flung towns and communities across the State.

70 choristers in total sang at the Mass which, for some of them, was their first ever experience of the Catholic Church and of being present at a Mass. Past choristers were invited to come along and offer their voices in enhancing the Liturgy.

So many participants commented on how this had been an "extraordinary" way to end a most memorable weekend. The Mass followed a vibrant dinner which took place the evening before, where former attendees of the winter school shared memories of being choristers as children.

Jacinta Jakovcevic, Committee Member of the WA State Branch of the RSCM and Director of Music at St Mary's Cathedral said *"it was great to see the many choristers who did not embark upon a profession as a musician or singer, who continue to be involved in choirs and other performing groups across Western Australia"*.

Special RSCM guests include State Chair, Deidre Russell, and National President, Ralph Morton, who happily spent time chatting with the choristers after the Mass.





23rd
July

Cathedral Hosts Michael Galovic Icon Exhibition

St Mary's Cathedral was delighted to host a special display of icons painted by one of Australia's leading iconographers, Michael Galovic.

Trained in Europe and studying both modern art and traditional painting, Galovic has developed an impressive body of work which seeks to bring together the Australian landscape and religious and personal identity.

His display of exquisite icons featured traditional style icons of angels, 'Stabat Mater' and other icons of Mary with Jesus.

Exhibition organiser, Dr Angela McCarthy of the University of Notre Dame's School of Philosophy and Theology said: "For many years, as a theologian, I have been interested in icons and our desire to reinstate them in our Church life, but it wasn't until I met Michael Galovic in his studio in 2013 that I became aware of the remarkable gift that a real iconographer is to our worshipping community.

Michael has exceptional skill and each icon holds true to the traditions of theology and image, but yet holds fine details that bring us to prayer through beauty. His use of gold leaf and egg tempera provides us with sacred icons of exquisite beauty and power.

In St Mary's Cathedral, we had 12 of these treasures on exhibition and they were available for sale. Besides icons, Michael also paints contemporary religious works and has a number of works that focus on Uluru, a sacred Australian iconic site.

With over 40 years of honing his skills, Michael Galovic is indeed a gift to the Church and hence the Church has an opportunity to support the work of an artist who brings us to God through beauty. Since the early centuries of Christian existence we have used images in a worshipful way because God became human in the person of Jesus and so we can image God." said Dr McCarthy.



Memorial Mass for **Victims of Flight MH17**

“Hold firm to faith in God’s goodness” was the moving message delivered by Archbishop Costelloe.

On Thursday 25th July, more than 700 people attended a special Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral in memory of the 298 lives lost in the Malaysian Airlines Flight MH17 tragedy.

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB told those present: “A wave of revulsion, sorrow and anger is still sweeping the world in the wake of the ‘terrible atrocity’ of July 17. We continue to struggle to comprehend how such a terrible thing could have happened. As we gather in the Cathedral today, we are given an opportunity, to reflect on what has happened and to try and make whatever sense of it we can” he said.

Members of the congregation included State Premier Colin Barnett, Leader of the Opposition Mark McGowan, Justice John McKechnie, parliamentarians Alannah MacTiernan, Sean L’Estrange and Eleni Evangel.

Family, friends and colleagues of Edel Mahady, a teacher for 14 years at Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School in Kelmscott, were also present. Mrs Mahady was one of nine West Australians onboard the flight from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur.

Archbishop Costelloe said the events since the tragedy had resulted in feelings of horror and despair among many. *“The callous way in which the crash site, now a sacred site, has been treated, the ducking and weaving of those who have sought to deny their responsibility for this dreadful incident, the seeming impossibility of even this horrific event to bring a pause, let alone an end, to the violence and hatred being exposed in the fields of Eastern Ukraine – all of this can only lead us to ask how human beings can do these things to each other,”* he said.

“But despite such feelings and events that test our trust in God, we need to recall Christ’s love for us and hold firm to our faith in his goodness. It is our belief that love is stronger than hate, and our commitment to live each day in and from this belief, that can sustain hope in the face of the violence that confronts us.

It is this belief that can help us never to lose sight of the beauty of our world, and of each other, which could so easily be obscured by the terrible destruction of flight MH 17 and by the vicious and cruel conflicts so prevalent around the world.” said Archbishop Costelloe.





7th
Aug

Cathedral Welcomes West Australian Academy of Performing Arts

St Mary's Cathedral once again hosted the West Australian Academy of Performing Arts in August.

Approximately 500 people attended this concert, titled 'The Music Makers', which featured vocal students of WAAPA, as well as instrumental students, performing works of Elgar, Handel and Bruckner.

Our Cathedral's Director of Music, Jacinta Jakovcevic, said *"The performance was a very exuberant one from the young musicians – in particular Edward Elgar's 'The Music Makers' involved some stunning climactic passages contrasted with evocative soft passages in the Cathedral's beautifully resonant acoustics."*

It was also wonderful to see lots of the parents, families and friends of the students in the audience supporting these young students" she said





The Joyous Ordinations of Rev Father Christian Irdi and Rev Father Mark Baumgarten

“Become living signs of the presence of Christ among us” said Archbishop Costelloe.

St Mary’s Cathedral was filled almost to capacity as the Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth, ordained two new priests for the Archdiocese.

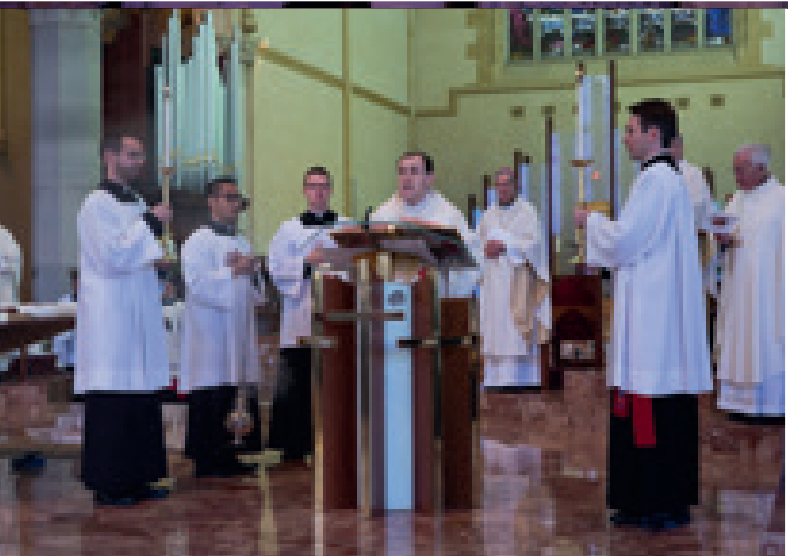
More than 900 guests including family, friends and loved ones of Rev Father Christian Irdi and Rev Father Mark Baumgarten attended this joyous ceremony, with more than 75 priests from throughout the Archdiocese concelebrating at the Mass

In his homily, Archbishop Costelloe said, in part, *“Among the many elements of today’s ordination ceremony one, certainly not the most important but significant nonetheless, is accompanied by words which I would like to highlight for a moment. As you are both presented with the bread and wine which will be offered in today’s Mass, you will hear me say to you, “Receive the oblation of the holy people, to be offered to God. Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord’s cross.”*

What will it mean for you, Christian and Mark, to imitate what you celebrate? Surely it will mean that the Eucharist must not just be something you celebrate, but something you live, something you are now and are becoming more and more each day” he said.

Newly ordained Father Christian Irdi kindly shared his thoughts on this special day. *“The day of my ordination was one of the most joyful and grace-filled days of my entire life. It marked the culmination of almost seven years of study, discernment and preparation in seminary, and was the confirmation of the call to the priesthood which I had sensed from a young age.*





The ordination ceremony itself was both very prayerful and very beautiful, and I continue to be grateful to all those who contributed in various ways to making the day as special as it was. I particularly am grateful to Archbishop Costelloe for ordaining me to the priesthood, and for always having supported me during the time of my seminary studies.

I also am very grateful to Monsignor Michael Keating, Dean of St Mary's Cathedral, for his long-standing support of my vocation, and for having vested me during the ordination ceremony. The priesthood is an immense gift, freely given by God to those whom he chooses. It will take, I'm sure, many years for me to begin to understand just how profound and how extraordinary the gift of priesthood is" said Father Irdi.

After Mass, more than 500 guests enjoyed hospitality in the Parish Centre generously provided by Mr & Mrs Gus and Anelia Irdi, who asked that we especially acknowledge and thank the wonderful ladies from St Cecilia's Parish in Floreat for their tireless work serving all those gathered on the day.

Cathedral Concert Series a Success

10th
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The Cathedral's 2014 Concert Series continued in August with Concert Number 2: an organ/vocal recital titled 'Organum Tremendae'.

This concert featured the magnificent sounds of the Cathedral's historic Dodd Organ (1910), which underwent a major restoration and expansion at a cost of \$1 million during the St Mary's Cathedral Restoration and Completion Project which was completed in December 2009.

This concert highlighted the amazing talent of Jacinta Jakovcevic, our Cathedral's Director of Music, who was the featured organist who presented a programme of favourites of the organ repertoire.

This included, of course, Bach's famous 'Tocatta and Fugue in D minor' and Widor's celebrated 'Tocatta in F major' from Symphony No 5. Also featured were some vocal favourites sung by Cathedral vocalists.

A very appreciative audience loved hearing the Dodd Organ taken through its paces.



2000 YEARS
of Marriage

Cathedral Celebrates 2000 Years of Marriage

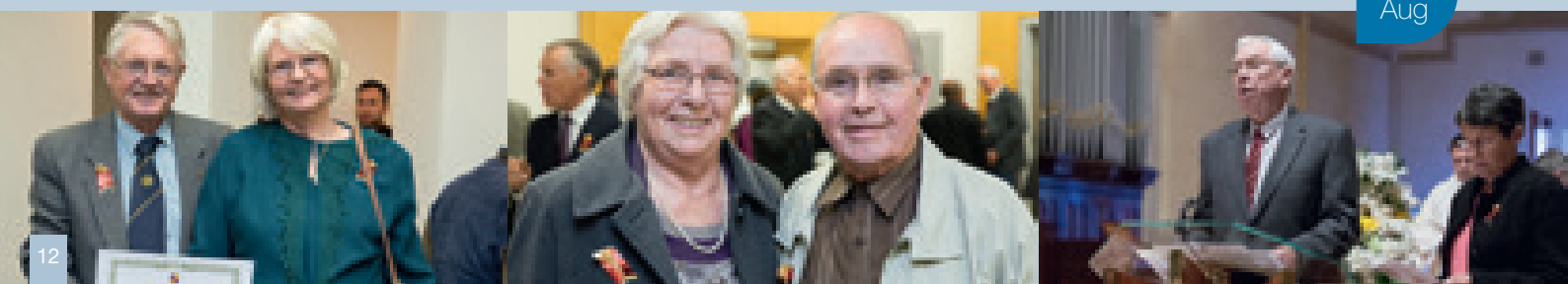
St Mary's Cathedral hosted the 10th Anniversary of the Archdiocesan National Marriage Day Mass on the evening of August 10 this year.

The event was attended by over 500 people who came to celebrate the important contribution that married couples make to the Church across the Archdiocese.

Special acknowledgement was given to approximately 40 couples who are celebrating special milestone anniversaries this year. Collectively they represented over 2000 years of married life experience.

The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Donald Sproxton, Auxiliary Bishop of Perth, and priests of the Archdiocese. During the Mass, Bishop Don said "I hope this annual celebration will continue to grow as a tradition in our Archdiocese".

The evening was jointly organised by the Knights of the Southern Cross, the Australian Family Association, the Catenians and Catholic Marriage and Fertility Services.



12th
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22nd
Aug

Ordinations of **Redemptoris Mater Seminary**

On Friday, August 22, three men from Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Perth were ordained to the diaconate by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe. The three men, each of them from South America, had been waiting in anticipation for this day for nearly eight and a half years.

Deacons Marlon Henao Perez and Alexis Vega Osorio both originate from Colombia and Deacon Noe Navarrete Apaez came to Perth from Mexico. None of their family members were able to be present at the ordinations. However, the Cathedral was full of fellow seminarians and college staff, friends and well-wishers from across the Archdiocese of Perth.

During the moving ceremony, Archbishop Costelloe shared how we are all called into the Church not just for our own sakes but for the sake of others, stating that the whole world is our neighbour.

His Grace said *"In the Book of Genesis, where the beautiful story of the creation of the world is recounted, we are told that after sin enters into the world that sin begins to spread"* said the Archbishop. *"Soon we read of the 'terrible murder' of Abel by his brother Cain. When, in the story, God comes looking for Abel and asks Cain where his brother is Cain replies with disrespect and arrogance, 'Am I my brother's keeper?'"*

The Archbishop then recalled how, in the Parable of the Good Samaritan, in answer to the query of the scribe who asks him, 'Who is my neighbour?' Jesus gives the divine answer to Abel's question. The answer is 'Yes - you are your brother's keeper. You are responsible for him.'

He noted that *"for our three brothers, Marlon, Alexis and Noe, who are to be ordained this evening, it is important that we all understand what the Lord is asking of them and why the Lord is giving them to us as a special gift."*

"Deacons are called to be and ordained and empowered to be... living sacraments, for us. But sacraments of what? By their lives, and their ministry, they will put before us more than anything else the truth that service is at the heart of the Christian response to life." said the Archbishop.

Speaking after the ceremony, Deacon Alexis said: *"the highlight for me was the Litany of Saints where we invoked the prayerful support of the entire Communion of Saints. I am left hoping that the Lord continues to give me and my brother deacons the grace to serve everyone He sends our way. It is now time for us to give our lives completely in service to God's people."*





7th
Sept

First Holy Communions Celebrated at Cathedral

On Sunday, September 7th, St Mary's Cathedral was filled to capacity as fifteen children were welcomed to celebrate their First Holy Communion. The majority of those receiving their First Holy Communion were from Trinity College in East Perth, which is where the larger part of their religious instruction has been undertaken.

Taking part in this important Sacrament was the Cathedral's Dean, Monsignor Michael Keating, and Assistant Priest, Father Stephen Ochola. Many families and friends were also present to witness the young people receive the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time.

Cathedral Catechist, Alvin Ko, said: *"This year's preparation of children for First Holy Communion at St Mary's Cathedral reminded me very much of my own journey."*

He pointed out that he had been a similar age and that his First Holy Communion took place in East Malaysia. *"I remember my parents' guidance and support. My mum selected a smart outfit for me. We went to Reconciliation and for the first time ever I joined in as one with the congregation. This is exactly what the children experienced this time round. They each looked so smart flanked as they were by the support of their families next to them and came to experience this same unity I had experienced as they approached the Eucharistic table."*

It is always exciting to be a part of children's First Holy Communion. This age-old tradition, witnessed by St Justin Martyr in the Second Century, enables all of us to receive the principal fruit of Holy Communion which is an intimate union with Jesus Christ." he said.





Historical Display Opens at St Mary's Cathedral.

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This year marks the bicentenary of Bishops Martin Griver and Rosendo Salvado, both born in Spain during 1814.

The Archdiocesan Historical Commission discussed ways in which this event could be celebrated with Rev Monsignor Michael Keating, Dean of St Mary's Cathedral, who enthusiastically supported the idea of a Historical Display at the Cathedral.

The display, which is now officially open, is a collaboration between St Mary's Cathedral, the Archdiocesan Historical Commission and the Benedictine Community of New Norcia. It is a celebration of the history of the Archdiocese and the bicentenary of the Bishops.

The items on display reflect the life and ministry of Bishops Salvado and Griver and include original oil paintings, prayer cards, pewter holy oil vessels and rosary beads. These are just some of the nineteenth-century items on display and many were brought to Western Australia from Europe by Bishops Griver and Salvado.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the display is a recently restored portrait of Bishop Griver which is on loan from the New Norcia Museum.

The display can be accessed during the weekly tours of the Cathedral offered on Tuesday mornings from 10:30am to 11:30am, following Mass on Sunday morning or by appointment – please contact: o.obrien@perthcatholic.org.au.



Editor's Notes: The midday Mass on 11 November was dedicated to Bishop Griver in recognition of his bicentenary. Unfortunately we had to proceed with printing of this issue before this date, so no images have been included.

Rev Monsignor Brian O'Loughlin, Chairman of the Archdiocesan Historical Commission, celebrated the Mass which included some period pieces of sacred music.

Did you know?

Bishop Griver was a Catalanian who came to Western Australia in 1849 with Bishop Salvado and was eventually made the second Bishop of Perth. One of his most significant achievements was the completion of the first Cathedral on Victoria Square in 1865.



ST JOHN OF GOD
HEALTH CARE

25 Years



18th
Sept

MASS COMMEMORATES

25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOHN OF GOD HEALTH CARE

A beautiful evening Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on 18 September, 2014 celebrated 25 years since the Sisters of St John of God established St John of God Health Care as a multi-hospital system with single national Board and Executive.

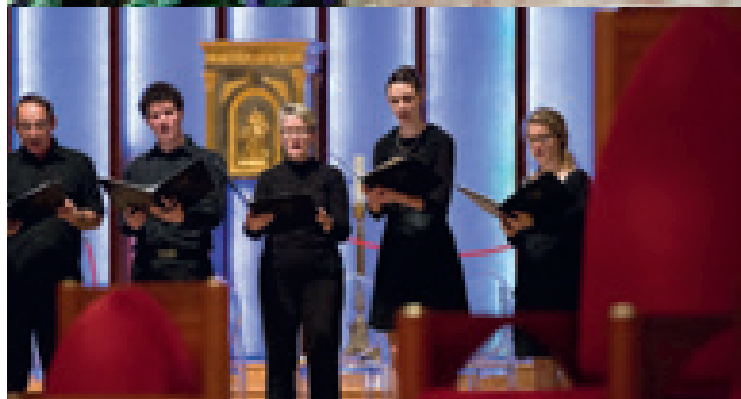
More than 350 people attended the Mass which was celebrated by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, Bishop Donald Sproxton, Auxiliary Bishop of Perth, Bishop Connors of Ballarat and priests of the dioceses in which the hospitals are located.

Archbishop Costelloe gave thanks for the way the health care ministry has been able to bring the love of God to families and communities over the 25 years.

Special guests included the Sisters of St John of God, past and present leaders of St John of God Health Care, caregivers and leaders of the Catholic and healthcare communities as well as partners from the government and medical sectors.

The organisation's values of hospitality, compassion, respect, justice and excellence featured in the service with caregivers carrying posters and laying flowers before the altar.

St John of God Health Care Board Chair, Tony Howarth, received an apostolic blessing from His Holiness Pope Francis on behalf of the organisation, and Chair of Trustees, Eva Skira, delivered a message from the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Tony Abbott, who paid tribute to St John of God Health Care staff and volunteers.





Left to right: Sr Isobel Moran Australian Regional Leader Sisters of St John of God, the Hon Roger Cook MLA Shadow Minister for Health, Mr Tony Howarth Chair of the Board St John of God Health Care, Ms Eva Skira Chair Trustees St John of God Health Care, Dr Michael Gannon President AMA (WA), Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, Dr Michael Stanford, Group Chief Executive Officer St John of God Health Care



"We have great reason to believe that the Sisters can be proud of their decision, and that the Mission – to deliver the healing mission of Jesus Christ – is being carried at least as strongly today as it ever was," Ms Skira said.

Group Chief Executive Officer, Dr Michael Stanford, who has led the organisation for the last 12 years, addressed the congregation and remarked on the progress made in the delivery of health care over the 25 years.

Dr Stanford said that in the last year alone the group's healthcare services had delivered more than 9,500 babies, treated over a quarter of a million patients, made 120,000 visits to people who needed nursing in their homes and conducted more than two million pathology tests.

"We have positively impacted many lives," Dr Stanford said.

"We thank the Sisters of St John of God for their trust in allowing us to be faithful stewards of the mission that they started in Australia in 1895. Their example is, and will always be, an inspiration to all of us.

"The provision of healthcare and social services is a great responsibility and a great privilege."

At the conclusion of the Mass, guests continued the celebrations in a marque alongside St Mary's Cathedral, which provided the perfect backdrop to a momentous occasion.



30th
Sept

97 New Acolytes Welcomed to Service

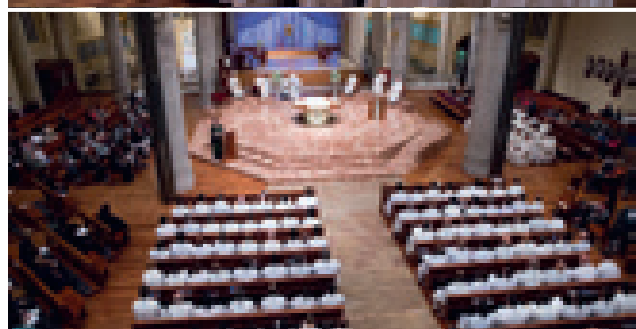
On September 30 at St Mary's Cathedral, more than 500 people were present to celebrate with 97 new Acolytes who were instituted to service, and who will now join more than 1000 Acolytes giving service to the Church throughout the Archdiocese of Perth - serving at the Altar, preparing sacred vessels and serving as extraordinary ministers to distribute the Eucharist.

During his Homily, Archbishop Costelloe encouraged the new Acolytes to heed the words of St Paul's Letter to Timothy. He said: *"Paul tells us, 'we can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.' In this way, he goes on to say, a 'man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work'".*

The Archbishop went on to say that the Ministry of the Acolytes will bring great joy, but that there will be times when it also brings challenges and disappointments.

"After all you are being formally commissioned for service in the Church: you will, in a way that hasn't been true in quite the same way before, become men of the Church, more closely identified with a Church which is at the same time profoundly Holy, a work of God, but also marked very deeply by the frailty of its members," said Archbishop Costelloe.

Director of Liturgy for the Archdiocese, Sr Kerry Willison RSM, said the work of the new Acolytes is of great value to the Church in Perth. *"The gift of these men is their commitment. While they have been instituted for service at the Altar, some of them are single, some of them are family men, with a wife and children – we can't lose sight of that – they are men in the world who have offered themselves to serve the Church,"* she said.





10th
Oct

Church Staff Called to Reflect on Gifts Given by The Lord

The Annual Commissioning Mass for agencies and organisations of the Archdiocese was held on the feast of St Theresa of Avila.

Celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Donald Sproxton, accompanied by Deacon Patrick Moore from Stella Maris, more than 150 staff from across the Archdiocese attended this special Mass at the Cathedral. Bishop Don thanked all the staff, on behalf of Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, for the great work they do for the Archdiocese.

In his Homily, Bishop Sproxton recalled how in 1968, at the instalment Mass of Archbishop Goody, a fire destroyed the Church Offices on St George's Terrace – a time during which most of the work of the Church was undertaken by priests and religious.

"Lay members of the Church are now mostly in positions of leadership – this a very good thing" he said. "Lay involvement [in the work of the Church] provides a lay voice for the Church."

Also drawing on the (then) current Synod of the Family, Bishop Don said that the work of the laity means the

Church has the opportunity to listen to the various Christian communities, their insights into family and family life, so that appropriate responses can be formed. Bishop Don encouraged those in attendance to pray for the work of the Synod.

St Theresa of Avila was the founder of the Discalced Carmelites as well as the Carmelite Fathers. *"Today is an opportunity for us to learn more about St Theresa and what she has to teach about our union with the Lord and the work that we do for him"* said Bishop Sproxton.

"She was inspired by the spirit of God, yet she experienced a great deal of suffering. She was encouraged by the words of St Paul, who notes that 'following Christ is not easy'" he said.

Bishop Don encouraged all those in attendance to reflect on the gifts *"given to us by the Lord. Enormous things can be accomplished, more than we can imagine for ourselves"* he said.





St Mary's Cathedral a Standout for Heritage Day Tours

St Mary's Cathedral was a standout attraction during the recent Perth Heritage Day on 18 October 2014.

The Cathedral has been ranked seventh out of 91 attractions across Perth, according to Australian tourist website, tripadvisor.com.au. The tourist website also awarded the Cathedral a Certificate of Excellence.

Carol Wright, Tour Guide Co-Ordinator for the tours held at St Mary's Cathedral, said the Heritage Day Tours provided a unique opportunity to showcase the early history and magnificence of the Cathedral to a wide range of visitors.

More than 30 visitors were provided a tour by Carol Wright, together with fellow tour guides Gilda Rowland and Estelle Dragun.

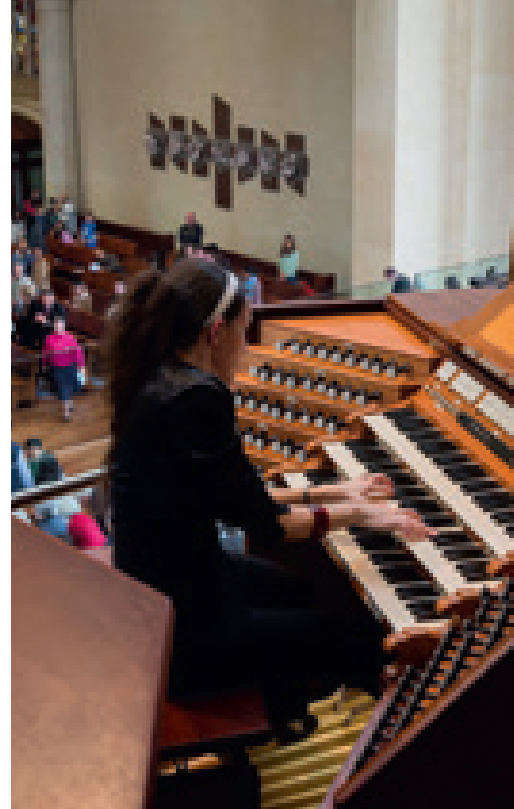
Information and research for the tours has been developed by Ms Wright, with the assistance of former Perth Archivist Sr Frances Stibi, various authors and artists who have a strong knowledge of the Cathedral's history, in addition to their own contribution.

Ms Wright said that for her, the highlight of the day was having the privilege of helping visitors to the Cathedral come to a true understanding and knowledge of its history.

"It truly is a beautiful Cathedral with so much to offer, and we welcome people from all walks of life," she said.

Tours of the Cathedral took place every 30 minutes on Perth Heritage Day from 9am to 12noon, and also included a 10-minute recital on the organ by Director of Music, Jacinta Jakovcevic.

Ms Wright also mentioned the tours of the Cathedral take place on a weekly basis, every Tuesday from 10am. Tours are conducted by Estelle Dragun, Julie Maloney and Carol Wright, with four more guides to commence in the coming months. Tours can be attended for a donation of \$5.00.





19th
Oct

Confirmations Celebrated at Cathedral

Nine (9) adults and Seventeen (17) children presented themselves for Confirmation at a wonderful Mass celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Donald Sproxtton at St Mary's Cathedral on October 19.

The candidates were joined by their sponsors and more than 600 family and friends, present to help celebrate their entry into full communion as adult Christians with the Catholic Church.

Cathedral Catechist, Alvin Ko, coordinated preparation of the candidates. He said *"this year the Cathedral parish assisted in preparing ten (10) candidates from across the Archdiocese, most of them adults. Candidates for confirmation (under the age of 18) are generally prepared by their school, at after-school catechism classes, while adults are often prepared by their local parish priest or catechist team"*.

"The Sacrament of Confirmation enables us to receive the fullness of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These gifts are Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel (Right Judgement), Knowledge, Fortitude (Courage), Piety, and Fear of Lord (Wonder and Awe)" said Mr Ko.

"Receiving the fullness of these gifts assists us in being able to imitate Christ. It also strengthens us to perform some of these roles as children of God. This includes sharing our knowledge of Christ, supporting our friends who are in need and introducing our God who is always merciful, forgiving and loving, while also being faithful during times of joy and challenges." he said.





4th
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Archbishop's Liturgical Launch of **Christmas Appeal for LifeLink** to Parish Priests and Appeal Representatives

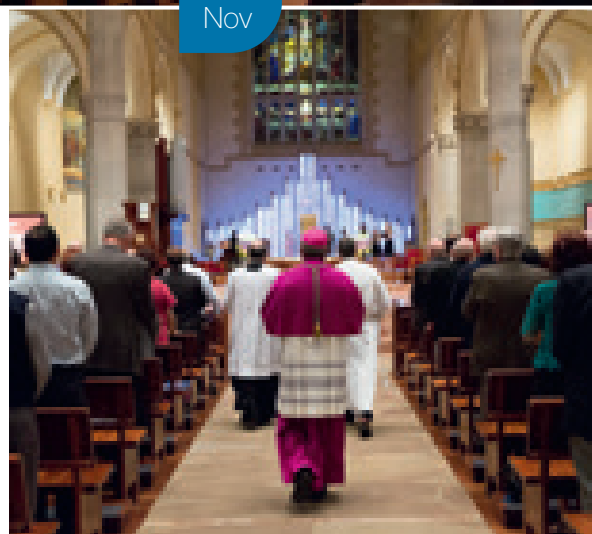
Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, joined by Rev Fr Peter Whitely VG, warmly welcomed more than 140 parish priests, parish representatives and special guests to a Liturgical Service in support of his annual Christmas Appeal for LifeLink.

Archbishop Costelloe said *"This special service affords me the opportunity to directly thank all the priests and parish representatives for their wonderful support they provide for this appeal each year. They are the vital 'link' which helps facilitate the sharing of my Christmas Message and Appeal with parishioners throughout the Archdiocese".*

During his Launch Address, Archbishop Costelloe said *"As a Catholic community we know that the Eucharist, the Mass, is the very heart of our lives of faith. The word 'Eucharist' in fact means 'thanksgiving'. Every time we gather to celebrate Mass we are caught up in a great act of thanksgiving, a great expression of gratitude, to God for all his wonderful gifts, especially the gift of his Son. If our celebration of the Eucharist is real and sincere, then it too will lead us to live our lives generously, demonstrating to the Lord in practical ways our recognition of his goodness to us".*

The Archbishop went onto say *"By doing what you can to make this year's Christmas Appeal a success, through your efforts and the generosity you help foster in your parish communities, the lives of many, many people will be brighter at a time when loneliness, poverty, and even despair can be more keenly felt than at other times. Because of your generosity fewer parents will have to look into the sad eyes of their children because they are unable to give them any gifts on Christmas Day. Fewer people will worry themselves sick over what they will do for food over the Christmas season. Fewer people will be isolated because they cannot afford to travel to visit their families. Fewer people will be tempted to believe that all this talk of peace on earth and joy to the world is nothing but empty words".*

Following the service, guests were invited to the Cathedral Parish Centre for hospitality, a chance to discuss the forthcoming appeal.





Please Help..

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink was officially launched in all parishes in the Archdiocese on the weekend of Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 November 2014. Archbishop Costelloe personally launched his appeal via pre-recorded video messages to be broadcast in each parish on the weekends of 8/9 November and 15/16 November.

The Archbishop issued a challenge to the Catholic and general community to help **raise a minimum of \$650,000** for people in need this Christmas. Your support in helping to make this possible would be greatly appreciated. Please give generously by donating securely online at www.lifelink.com.au or through your local parish.





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Ordination of Deacons at St Mary's Cathedral

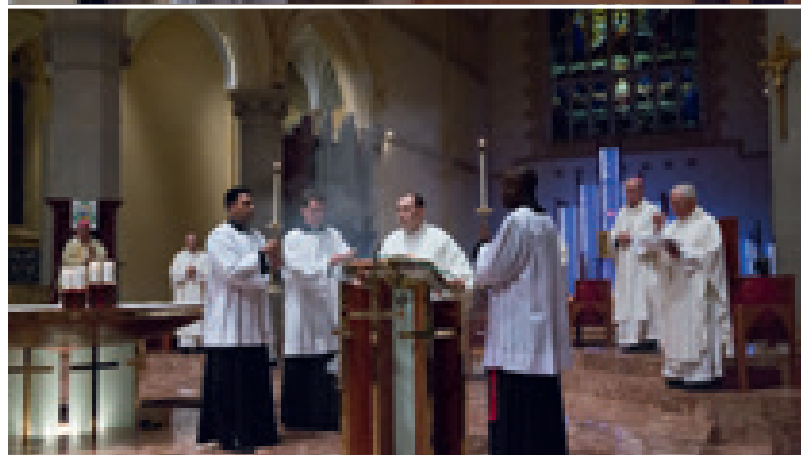
It was a momentous occasion for six seminarians from St Charles' Seminary when they were ordained to the diaconate by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe at St Mary's Cathedral.

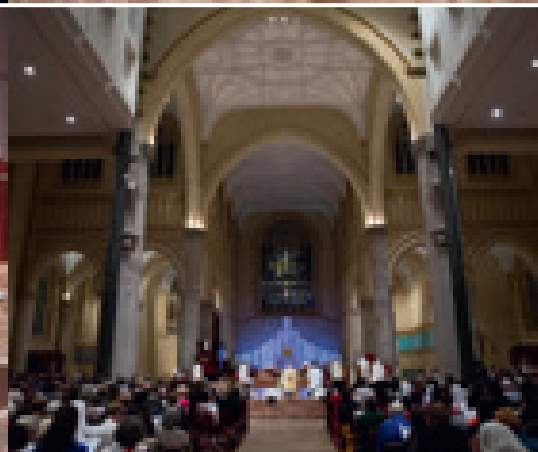
Simeon San, Garner Vergara Jr., Stephen Gorddard, Jeffery Casabuena, Israel Quirit and Grant Gorddard studied at St Charles' Seminary and Notre Dame University in Fremantle and originate from Australia, the Philippines and Myanmar (Burma).

Deacon Garner Vergara Jr., originally from Cebu in the Philippines, studied nursing at a Catholic University run by Augustinians before arriving in Perth in 2008. He joined St Charles' Seminary in 2009. He experienced the rewards of being at the service of others in his home country where he volunteered for an organisation that feeds and teaches homeless children in the slums of Cebu.

As he entered adult life, his altruistic inclinations gradually grew and, despite the opportunities to study at different universities, he remained committed to becoming a missionary and a priest. *"I think it was the desire to serve people that attracted me to the priesthood. Selflessness and altruistic love was my inspiration"* he said.

When asked about his hopes for the future of his vocation, Deacon Garner said that he endeavours to use the gifts that God has given him. *"To be an example of a good Christian disciple, to be of service to the People of God for the greater glory of his name."*







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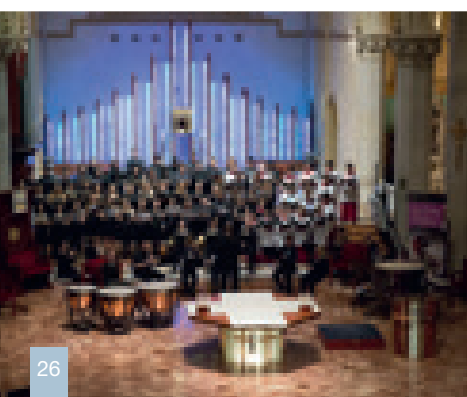
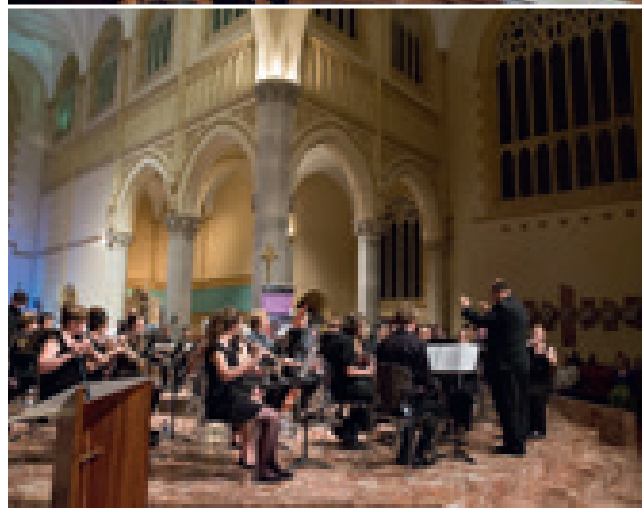
Concert Series Final Performance – **Magnificent!**

Over 100 enthusiastic young musicians from the University of Western Australia's School of Music and St Mary's Cathedral Choir took part in the culminating concert for the 2014 St Mary's Cathedral Concert Series.

Conducted by Dr Nicholas Bannan, Lecturer, UWA's School of Music and Dr Alan Lourens, Head of UWA's School of Music, the programme was enthusiastically received by the audience of approximately 250 people.

Jacinta Jakovcevic, Director of Cathedral Music, said *"The programme featured two rarely performed choral masterpieces of the choral repertoire of the 19th century: Anton Bruckner's 'Mass in E minor' and the 'Grande Symphonie Funebre et Triomphale' of French composer Hector Berlioz.*

Another unique feature of this programme was the orchestra – both composers wrote these pieces for orchestras comprised of wind and brass instruments – not string instruments. This combination of instruments makes for a very full, rich sonority in the Cathedral's magnificent acoustic" she said.



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Monday to Friday 8:00am
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Saturday 8.00am
6.00pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8.00am
9.30am
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5.00pm (Youth Mass)

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Monday to Friday 11.15am to 12.10pm
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Sunday 8.30am

St Francis Xavier

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Sunday 9.30am

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