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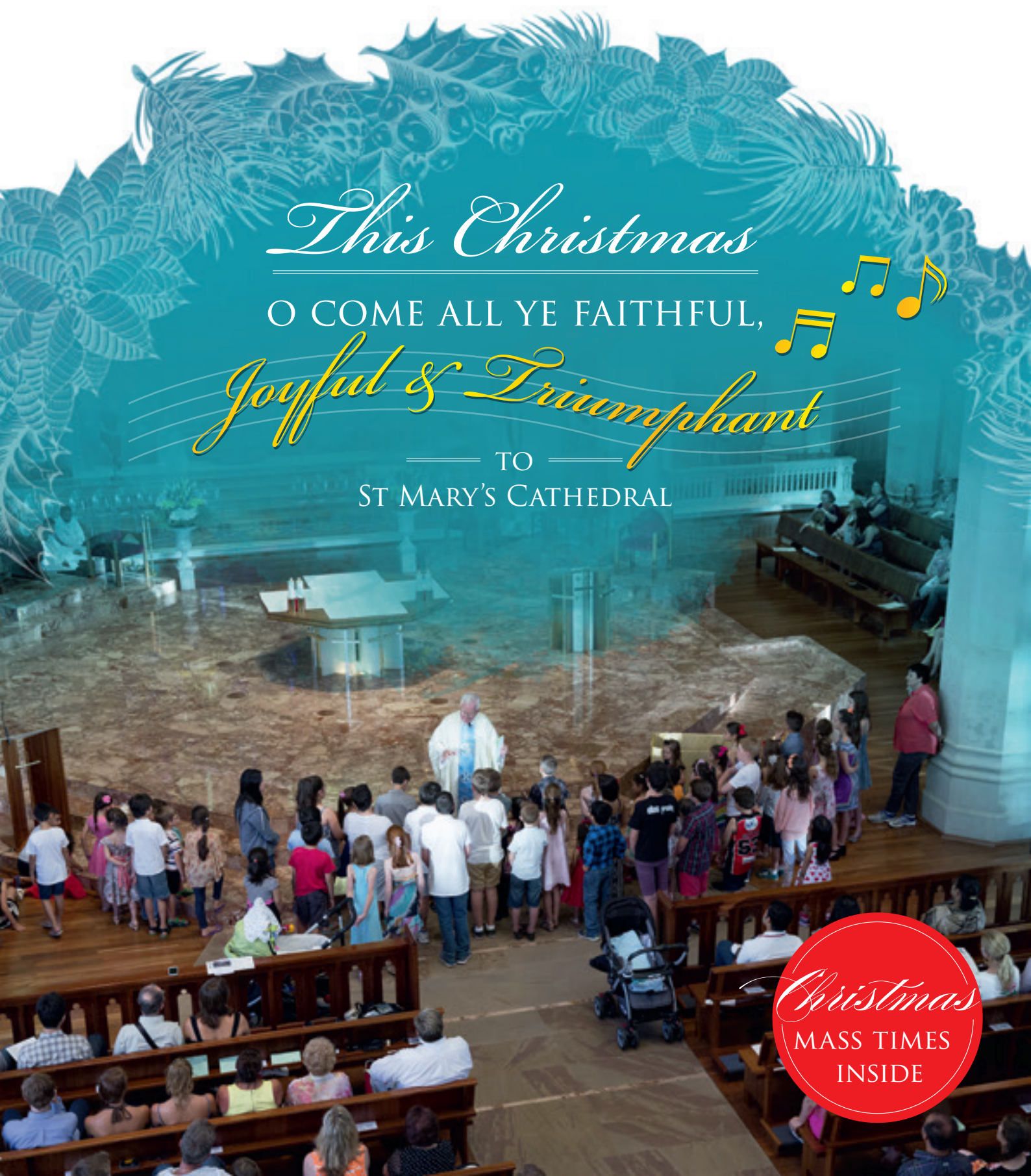
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This Christmas

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL,

Joyful & Triumphant

— TO —
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Christmas
MASS TIMES
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THE CATHEDRAL DIARY

Forthcoming activities and events at St Mary's Cathedral.

DECEMBER

Thurs 29th Nov - Thurs 8th Dec	- 7.30pm	Novena for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Fri 2nd	- 7.30pm	Diaconate Ordination
Thurs 8th	- 8.00am - 12.10pm - 7.00pm	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses
Sat 10th	- 4.30pm	Filipino Mass
Mon 12th	- 6.00pm	Notre Dame Graduation Mass
Thurs 15th - Fri 23rd	- 8.00pm	Filipino Novena to the Expectant Mother
Sat 24th - Sun 25th		Christmas Masses

JANUARY

Thurs 14th	- 4.00pm	Filipino Mass
Sun 31st	- 4.30pm	Catholic Education Office Mass

FEBRUARY

Mon 1st	- 9.00am	Mercedes Opening School Mass
Thurs 11th	- 4.00pm	Filipino Mass

MARCH

Wed 9th		RCIA Rite of Election
Fri 11th	- 4.00pm	Filipino Mass
Thurs 17th	- 10.00am	St Patrick's Mass



A Christmas Message

FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB
Archbishop of Perth

Dear Friends,

Before I became a bishop I was lecturing in Catholic theology in Melbourne. At the beginning of each year, at the end of the first class, I would give my students an assignment. I would ask them to wait for a clear cloudless night (something not all that common in Melbourne) and then go out into the garden, lie on their backs and gaze up into the night sky. I would ask them to remember, as they contemplated the stars, that they were looking at only a tiny fraction of the universe and I would encourage them to let their minds wonder at the unimaginable vastness of creation. As they did so, I suggested, they should reflect on the overwhelming mystery of the creator, without whom none of this would exist, and allow themselves to be overcome by the greatness of the God whose mystery they would be plunging into in their theology studies.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas this year I am reminded again of the startling claim of our faith that this mighty creator God, whose wisdom and power we can hardly even begin to understand, entered our human story “in person” two thousand years ago. He did so not in power and glory as we normally understand such things, but in simplicity, frailty and complete dependence on others: he came as a helpless baby, born into a poor working family, in a country under despotic rule. And why? Because only God, the creator of everything that is, can truly know what life, and especially human life, is really all about. In a world which, from the very beginnings of human history, has seen God’s creative intention for humanity constantly distorted and disfigured, only God can sweep away the darkness humanity has brought to the earth and reveal again what was in the divine mind when God created humanity in the divine image and likeness. This is what God did on the first Christmas morning.

The child born in Bethlehem, Emmanuel - God with us - would grow into a man whose every word, and every deed, would be a revelation of God’s creative intention for his people. As he, Jesus, would say of himself he is our Way and our Truth and our Life.

The meaning of Christmas lies precisely here: that God has become one of us so that we might rediscover the dignity, and the beauty and the sheer wonder of our humanity lived, in Jesus, as God intends it to be lived in everyone.

It is no surprise, then, that Christmas seems to call the best out of us: a desire for peace and harmony, an urge to give generously to others, a determination to seek forgiveness and reconciliation and a desire to celebrate with those we love. These are all deeply human impulses, traces of the divine within us, revealed as such in the life of the man whose birth we celebrate on Christmas Day. If we offer these gifts of peace, harmony, reconciliation and celebration to others then we really will have a happy and holy Christmas, and a peaceful New Year. This is my wish and prayer for you all at this special time.

+ Timothy Costelloe SDB

+Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB
Archbishop of Perth



Christmas Mass Times

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, 24 December 2016

6.00pm

Childrens Mass (Adults welcome too!)

9.00pm

Solemn Vigil of the Birth of Jesus

12.00am

Midnight Mass of Christmas in Cathedral

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, 25 December 2016

8.00am

Dawn Mass of the Birth of Jesus

9.30am

Christmas Mass in Cathedral

11.00am

Solemn Sung Mass of Christmas

5.00pm

Christmas Youth Mass

OTHER CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

8.30am

Christmas Mass at St Catherine's Church,
55 Bedford Avenue, Subiaco

9.30am

Christmas Mass at St Francis Xavier's Church,
Windsor Street, East Perth



A Christmas Message

FROM THE DEAN

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

Dear Friends of the Cathedral,

Welcome to this very special Christmas issue of the 'Our Cathedral' newsletter, traditionally one of our most popular. I hope you enjoy all the features and photos contained inside.

You'll note that the number 30 features prominently in this issue. We congratulate the Archbishop on the 30th Anniversary of his Ordination to Priesthood. What a wonderful milestone to celebrate, and how fortunate we are to have Archbishop Timothy as our leader in this Archdiocese. May he serve for 30 years more.

It is also the 30th anniversary of the visit to Perth by Pope Saint John Paul II. I was serving as Vicar General of the Archdiocese during his visit and it was an incredibly exciting time for everyone – Catholics and the community as a whole.

We remember this wonderful occasion with a special feature located in the centre pages of this newsletter. There are some terrific photos and memories from a few of us who were fortunate to be involved at that time. I must say that 30 years seem to have passed by rather quickly, but when I look at the photo of myself with Saint John Paul II, I am reminded of my much younger self.

Of course, the Year of Mercy concluded on 20th November in Rome when the Holy Door of St Peter's was closed. For us in Perth, we closed the Cathedral Holy Door on 13th November. All Cathedrals and other Churches with Holy Doors were asked to close their doors on the 13th November. The Holy Year has been beautifully celebrated in our Cathedral with many events and thousands of people have walked through our Holy Door. The numbers going to Confession have been very encouraging too.

Undoubtedly the visit of the Relics of Padre Pio (22nd – 26th October) was for me the highlight of the year. Pope Francis, last February, had the body of Padre Pio brought to Rome as he was a true Apostle of Mercy, especially in the Confessional. We were lucky to have Padre Pio's Relics with us for those five memorable days and about 9,000 people visited them. It was amazing!

We welcomed Emeritus Archbishop Adrian Doyle of Hobart and Father GianMaria Di Georgio OFM Cap here and many other priests, deacons, religious and lay people. Many wonderful things happened in people's lives: healings, conversions and pride in being Catholic.

As we approach the end of the year, we look forward to the Feast of the Cathedral, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on the 8th December. This will be preceded by a Novena from 29th November 7.30pm. The Filipino Community invites everyone to a Novena of the Expectant Mother from the 15th to 23rd December. Each night Mass will be from 8.00-9.30pm in English.

Advent time is a time of preparation for Christmas – "Adventus" means "coming": like Mary and Joseph, we await the coming of Jesus and his birth in Bethlehem.

God's blessings on us all in this final part of the year.

I wish you a very happy, safe and Holy Christmas and New Year.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Keating". The signature is fluid and cursive.

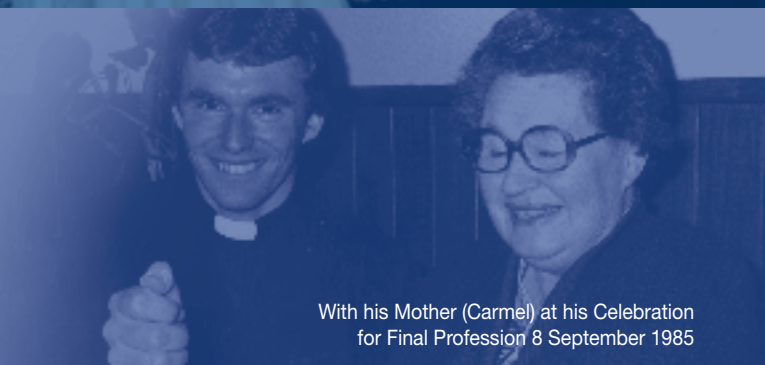
Rev Monsignor Michael Keating
Dean and Administrator, St Mary's Cathedral, Perth

Ordination Mass with
Archbishop Frank Little
25 October 1986



Congratulations TO ARCHBISHOP COSTELLOE SDB

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe celebrated 30 years of priesthood on 25 October 2016. To help commemorate and celebrate this joyous milestone, we are delighted to share with you the story of his vocation, in his own words, taken from an interview conducted by the Archdiocesan Vocations Office earlier this year



With his Mother (Carmel) at his Celebration
for Final Profession 8 September 1985

The Archbishop explained that he first heard God's call to the priesthood when he was in primary school at St Peter's, East Bentleigh.

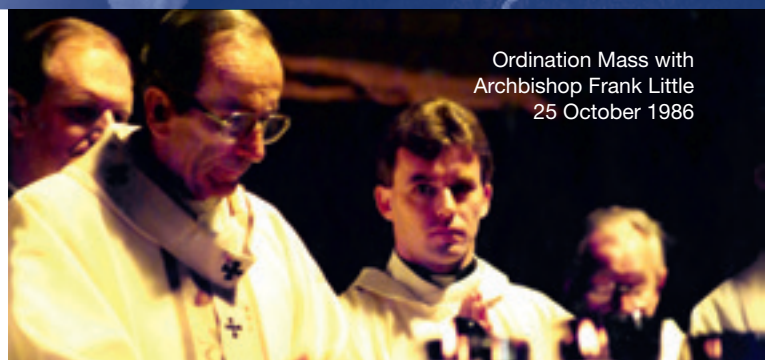
"I think I first thought of being a priest quite consciously when I was in about grade five or six, and the reason really as I look back now, is because of the influence of the assistant priest in the parish in which I grew up in Melbourne", he said.

"I realise now that he was a very shy fellow but at the time I didn't realise that. I just thought of him as a very kind, very welcoming, very friendly and generous person and I thought, as you do when you're a little boy, I'd like to be like that when I grow up."

Archbishop Costelloe added that he was also influenced by a statue of St Anthony of Padua outside his local Church.

The statue, which depicts the Child Jesus standing on a book held by St Anthony and looking up at the Franciscan preacher, provoked something deep inside of him.

"I can remember standing in the porch of that parish church, looking at that statue and somehow or other understanding that our faith was about a relationship between Jesus and us", he said.



Ordination Mass with
Archbishop Frank Little
25 October 1986



Below: Consecration as Bishop at
St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne
15 June 2007



Newly appointed Archbishop Costelloe is greeted by Auxiliary Bishop Sproston at his Installation Mass on 21 March 2012



30th Anniversary

ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD

"There was something about that look between the two of them which helped me to understand that this was what our faith was about."

In an important message for young men attempting to respond to God's call, the Archbishop also admitted that he went through struggles on the path to becoming a priest.

The decade he spent in formation with the Salesians of Don Bosco was a time of both great joy and great challenge, he said.

"I wondered whether this was really what I wanted to do, struggled with the whole question of celibacy and in a sense, 'giving up' the possibility of getting married and having a family", he said.

"But I eventually came to realise, somewhere deep inside me, that if I was going to be the person that God created me to be, going to be the person that I felt deep within me I needed to be, the only way for me to do that, was to become a priest and to be a religious.

So that deep sense of calling was the thing I think that sustained me through all the ups and downs."

On the 30th anniversary of his ordination, Archbishop Costelloe said he could look back and say it has been a "wonderful life" so far.

"I am enormously grateful for the gift of my vocation to the priesthood. I'm overwhelmed by it, over-awed by it really, and sometimes struggle to understand why the Lord would have chosen me", he said.

"But He has and because He has, I know that He continues to be with me, continues to support me, continues to lift me up when I fall, and if that's been my experience for the last 30 years, I've got no reason to imagine that it won't be my experience into the future".

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National Catholic Education Conference Mass

21st
June

A special Mass was held on 21 June 2016 at St Mary's Cathedral for participants in the National Catholic Education Commission Conference.

The Mass was celebrated by Cardinal Rodriguez Maradiaga who was visiting Perth for the Conference, and co-celebrated by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, Auxiliary Bishop Don Sproxton, Bishop of Broome Christopher Saunders, Bishop of Geraldton Justin Bianchini, Bishop of Bunbury Gerard Holohan, Melbourne Auxiliary Bishop Mark Edwards OMI, Bishop of Port Pirie (South Australia) Greg O'Kelly SJ and assisted by Deacon Mark Powell (Archdiocese of Perth).

During the Mass, Archbishop Costelloe urged teachers, other staff and congregants to remember the importance of Jesus and His teachings in their work. He said *"The greatest challenge facing the Church today and, therefore, the greatest challenge facing Catholic Education, is to start afresh from Christ. We must return Jesus Christ to His rightful place at the heart of every aspect of Catholic education, and we must return Catholic Education to Him, offering it to Him as a gift of which we can be proud, confident that it is, to the very best of our ability, exactly what He wants it to be."*

Archbishop Costelloe said the Conference was a time to reflect on the value of Catholic education, and its benefits, not only to students but to society as a whole.

"We have rejoiced in these days, and will continue to rejoice in the days ahead: in the strength, professionalism, and remarkable outreach of our education efforts. Together, we offer a precious gift, a true treasure, not only to our young people and their families, but to the society of which we are a part."

Today, then, let us once again commit ourselves to guarding the treasure entrusted to us, relying on the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Let us love and respect and nurture our children, offering to them the very best we have. And, above all, let us create for them the spaces, the opportunities, the environment, in which they can encounter the One who is, for them and for all of us, the Way, the Truth and the Life", said Archbishop Costelloe.



Mass for the National Catholic Education Commission Conference celebrated by Cardinal Rodriguez Maradiaga





Krakow
WYD 2016

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe and Auxiliary Bishop Don Sproston pictured with some of the young pilgrims who joined them for the 2016 World Youth Day celebrations in Poland.

3rd
July

Commissioning Mass

Thousands of young people from across Australia, including more than 180 Western Australians, made the journey to Krakow, Poland earlier this year for the largest Catholic youth gathering on record... World Youth Day.

A special 'Commissioning Mass' for the 2016 World Youth Day pilgrims was held at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 3 July. Monsignor Keating recalled that so many people came to share in this joyous occasion; the Cathedral was 'packed to capacity'.

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe's message to the young people was: *"The Lord is calling you to be with him in Poland, and He is preparing to send you out on mission."*

Archbishop Timothy and Bishop Don joined a group of 35 young people from Perth in making the WYD journey this year, commencing their trip through Rome and Turin before meeting another 45 pilgrims from Perth to continue on their pilgrimage in Warsaw, then to Krakow for the main event.

Archbishop Costelloe likened the pilgrims to the 72 chosen, as proclaimed in the Gospel of Luke 10. *"It is a reminder to us that the privilege and the task of carrying Jesus to the people of our own time and place doesn't just belong to the chosen few. He calls us all"*, he said.

The Archbishop encouraged the pilgrims present to not close themselves into their own comfortable worlds, but rather to be ready to carry what Pope Francis would call "The joy of the Gospel" to everyone they meet, especially during their pilgrimage and when they return home. *"We should carry it in our minds, carry it in our hearts, carry it on our faces"*, said Archbishop Costelloe.

Jacinta Jakovcevic, Director of Cathedral Music, said: *"The World Youth Day 2016 song was sung at the Mass. For each WYD, a special song is composed encapsulating the themes of that particular WYD."*

The 2016 song is called 'Blest are the merciful' – bringing into play the themes of the Jubilee Year of Mercy and the fact that WYD is being held in Krakow, Poland, where St Faustina Kowalska (who was instrumental in the establishment of the Divine Mercy devotion) died in 1938.

The Choir sang part of the song in the original Polish much to the delight of several Polish members of the congregation. It was really wonderful to pay tribute to these themes by singing part of this special song in the original language", said Jacinta

DID YOU KNOW?

Krakow is also the 'home city' of Saint John Paul II: he was born in village not far from this city and was its Archbishop from 1964-1978.





23rd
June

EOIN CAMERON

More than 500 family, friends, colleagues and fans gathered at St Mary's Cathedral to farewell ABC radio broadcaster, Eoin Cameron.

Mr Cameron, 65, died of a heart attack on 23 June while visiting his family in Albany, a mere three months after hanging up the microphone and retiring from a lifetime career in broadcasting.

A small handwritten note he'd left requested that St Mary's Cathedral be the venue for his funeral service and that Archbishop Timothy Costelloe be one of the two main celebrants.

Reflecting on the Parable of the Talents, Archbishop Costelloe spoke of Mr Cameron's "extraordinary impact" on so many people in the community.

"I ask myself", he said, "how many lonely people, hungry and thirsty for companionship, found it each morning in Eoin's radio program. I wonder how many people, imprisoned within themselves by rejection or disappointment or a sense of failure, found a reason to move into the day with some hope because of listening to him at the start of the day."

As the second of 10 children, a significant number of the hundreds of mourners in attendance were

Cameron's immediate family. Also present were friends and colleagues from the ABC alongside WA Premier Colin Barnett, Opposition Leader Mark McGowan, former Premier Richard Court, former Governor Ken Michael and Channel 7 News presenter, Susannah Carr.

Two of Cameron's five brothers presented the first of three eulogies. Mr Cameron's brother, Gerard, spoke of his budding romance with wife, Wendy, affectionately referred to on air as "the War Office". His best friend and confidante, Tim Bonifant, shared how "unblokey" Mr Cameron was, noting that one aspect of his character was "to show real affection with people he cared for".

The third and final eulogy was given by Mr Cameron's children: Jane; her husband, Andrew; Ryan; Jacinta; and "adopted son", Brad McCahon.

His son, Ryan, said *"as much as we are products of the king of embellishment, there will be no embellishment today. Everything being said about Dad is absolutely spot on. Dad, you were crazy and eccentric. You were interesting and fun. You were intelligent. Rest in peace, our beautiful Papa. We are so glad you are not in pain anymore."*

REST IN PEACE.



50TH

ANNIVERSARY

of Southern Cross Care

Southern Cross Care celebrated 50 years of service to the Western Australian community at a special Mass celebrated by Emeritus Archbishop Barry Hickey.

More than 250 people attended the Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Thursday, 21 July, including Knights of the Southern Cross, present and past board members, staff, volunteers, family and friends.

Southern Cross Care was established as Southern Cross Homes in 1966 by a group of men from the Order of the Knights of the Southern Cross in WA and is, today, one of Western Australia's leading aged-care providers.

The determination and commitment of those men – Joseph A Cooke, Norm Dallimore, J Roy Fergusson, Gerard G Pilkington, Colin Pollett, Bernard F Prindiville, Francis J Townsend, John W Wall and Vincent T Davidson – have left an incredible legacy. Southern Cross Care currently supports more than 3,000 Western Australians through a range of services, including aged care; dementia, disability and mental health care; respite; retirement villages; accommodation; residential care and ageing in place.

Emeritus Archbishop Hickey in his homily reflected on the First Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (58:7-10).

"Isaiah spoke of the importance of showing love and mercy – an appropriate theme during this Jubilee Year of Mercy. If we are to be loyal servants of Almighty God, not only should we pray to and worship Him with our voices, but also with the way we relate to one another other, especially to the poor", he said.

Emeritus Archbishop Hickey said: *"Jesus Christ preached this Himself, when He told His disciples to love God and love one another. Loving one another means to go beyond one's own circle, to look out for those who are poor, and needy, and sick, and imprisoned: Southern Cross Care has answered that call", he said.*

At the end of the Mass, John Dwyer, State Chairman of the Knights of the Southern Cross, made a short speech thanking all those who have contributed to the organisation over the past 50 years.



21st
July



Knights of the Southern Cross carry flags into St Mary's Cathedral ahead of the Southern Cross Care 50th Anniversary Mass.



John Dwyer, State Chairman of the Knights of the Southern Cross, addresses the congregation.



Transcendental Voices

4th
Aug

AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

An estimated 400 people braved the cold wintery weather to witness a glorious spectacle of vocal music in the Cathedral at the annual Concert performed by the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA).

Jacinta Jakovcevic, Director of Cathedral Music, said "WAAPA love coming to St Mary's Cathedral and have made this an annual item on their calendar....and we love welcoming WAAPA each year.

These particular concerts are a wonderful way of our engaging our young West Australian musicians (who may not necessarily have an experience of singing in a sacred space) with the Cathedral. Often our young students find themselves singing musical masterpieces which have been written through the ages for resonant acoustics (such as the Cathedral's) in a concert hall or auditorium.

Singing these works in an acoustic for which they were actually designed to be sung is an enlightening experience – thus it also becomes very worthwhile from an educational perspective.

It was especially exciting this year as the concert, entitled 'Transcendental Voices', was conducted by Mr Richard Gill, one of Australia's leading conductors and educators.

Richard was instrumental in the establishment of WAAPA and was the founding Dean of the (then) Conservatorium of Music from 1985-1990. He enthralled and inspires both young musicians and seasoned professionals, so the current WAAPA students were absolutely thrilled to have this opportunity and experience.

A special feature of this special concert was the participation of choirs from All Saints College and John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School, which both have outstanding music departments.

It was not only a rare opportunity for them to collaborate with the music programme at WAAPA but also a 'coup' to be able to work with one of Australia's leading conductors.

They truly relished the experience", said Ms Jakovcevic.





Holy Hour
FOR VOCATIONS

8th Aug

We are delighted to share some of these beautiful images taken at this special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Costelloe SDB in August of this year.

Let us continue to pray that more young men and women are called by God to service as priests and religious.



CELEBRATING THEIR

First Holy Communion

14th
Aug

On Sunday, 14 August, St Mary's Cathedral was filled to capacity as 32 children (and a few adults) were welcomed to celebrate their First Holy Communion.

Joining them were family, friends and well-wishers from the Cathedral parish.

The Cathedral's Dean, Monsignor Michael Keating, said: *"This is one of the most important Sacraments, and perhaps one of the most joyous for our young people. Today, they receive the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time."*

It is a happy occasion that is shared with our Cathedral parish members, a reminder of when we too made our own First Communion – receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and also Confirmation remind us of the fact that we are a Parish", he said.



14th
Aug

Singing the Classics

This fun, sing-along concert presented by the Cathedral Choir together with organ and a string ensemble was another in the popular 'Cathedral Concert Series' for 2016.

Jacinta Jakovcevic, Director of Cathedral Music, said *"Our concerts combine timeless traditional music with music of our own time and idiom. This programme included traditional hymns coupled with spirituals presented in a slightly more contemporary expression."*

There were some well-known instrumental classics presented in a sing-along format. The audience was able to sing along to pieces which don't normally have any sung parts, as they are written for an orchestra etc. – but they have beautiful, well-loved melodies. The Cathedral Choir had lots of fun with these arrangements", she said.





POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II

Memories of the 30th Anniversary of the Holy Father's Visit to Perth.

Saint John Paul II arrived in Perth on Sunday 30 November 1986 at 1.40pm and though his visit would last just over 18 hours, the impact on those he met and what it meant to the people of Perth was remarkable, memorable and enduring.



The Pope celebrated Mass at Belmont Racecourse, made a speech on the elderly at Glendalough Home for the Aged, blessed the (then) Catholic Education Office and attended a reception at the Cathedral Presbytery.

Perth was just one stop on Saint John Paul II's Apostolic Visit to Australia and Oceania, which included Bangladesh, Singapore, the Fiji Islands, New Zealand, Australia and the Seychelles.

In this special feature, we include some wonderful photos taken during Saint John Paul II's visit, relive the memories of a few who were fortunate to meet His Holiness and be involved in the occasion, and remember with great affection a Pope beloved by all, someone fondly referred to and known as "The People's Pope".

CHRIST IS THE WAY,
THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.

(John 14:6)

This passage from the Gospel of John became a motto of Saint John Paul II's Apostolic Visit.

The papal motto paraphrases the quote within the Gospel of John in which Jesus says 'I am the way, the truth and the life' to his disciples. On the eve of his death, Jesus was declaring to his disciples that belief in Him was the only path to heaven, the true measure of righteousness, and source of both physical and spiritual life.

The motto suggests that Saint John Paul II wished his tour to be a reminder to those in Australia, and the Oceanic region, of the one true path to eternity. As these photos reveal, his visit was witnessed by many.





John Paul II was the first international visitor to use the new Perth International Airport.

He arrived from Adelaide on a Royal Australian Air Force B707 aircraft.

From the moment his plane landed, the Pope looked to maximise his time with us here in Perth, as you can see detailed in the official itinerary.



SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER 1986—continued	
PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA	
(Start: 8.07 p.m.)	
ARRIVAL AT PERTH	
1.40 p.m.	His Holiness arrives at Perth Airport Received by— The Governor of Western Australia and Mrs Reid The Premier of Western Australia and Mrs Burke
	Presentations
1.50 p.m.	Walks via the public areas to the Popemobile Leaves by Popemobile for Belmont Park (9 km)
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST	
2.30 p.m.	Arrives Proceeds by Popemobile on a circuit of the arena (2 km) Arrives at society, vests and joins the procession to the altar Celebration of the Eucharist commences
2.40 p.m. (S)	
5.30 p.m.	Leaves by Popemobile for Little Sisters of the Poor, Glendalough (3.3 km)
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SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER 1986—continued	
PERTH—continued	
NATIONAL ADDRESS TO AGED PERSONS	
5.40 p.m.	Arrives Received by— Sister Clement Mary, LSP Mass residents of the Nursing Homes Escorted to dusk Welcome by Mr Tom Price, AM Chairman, Southern Cross Aged Persons Homes His Holiness addresses Aged Persons Leaves by Popemobile for the Catholic Education Centre, Leederville (2.8 km)
OPENING OF THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE	
7.05 p.m.	Arrives Met by— Fr Joseph Solbi, SJ, Director, Catholic Institute Welcome by Dr P. Yarnock, Director, Catholic Education (S) His Holiness addresses the assembled guests Unveils a commemorative plaque Mass and opens Centre
7.35 p.m.	Leaves by Popemobile for St. Mary's Cathedral Presbytery, Victoria Square (7.5 km)
8.00 p.m.	Arrives
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MONDAY, 1 DECEMBER 1986	
PERTH	
(Start: 5.55 a.m.)	
DEPARTURE FROM PERTH	
7.00 a.m.	His Holiness leaves by Popemobile for Perth Airport (7.4 km)
7.30 a.m.	Arrives Received by— The Honorary Aide-de-Camp to the Governor-General and Mrs Reynolds The Governor of Western Australia and Mrs Reid The Prime Minister of Australia and Mrs Hawke The Premier of Western Australia and Mrs Burke Walks via the public areas to the dusk National Anthem Farewell Address by the Prime Minister (S) Farewell Address by His Holiness Official farewells 8.00 a.m. Leaves for overseas by Qantas Aircraft
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The Pope's departure from Perth was a more grand and joyous occasion as he was farewelled by (then) Prime Minister Bob Hawke, Western Australian Premier Brian Burke, Archbishop William Foley, Bishop of Geraldton, Barry Hickey (now Emeritus Archbishop of Perth), Auxiliary Bishop, Robert Healy and many other dignitaries and officials. Thousands of school children shouted and waved. We are sure that Saint John Paul II's visit to Perth was a memorable one. The photos to the left captured these moments.

The Pontifical Mass at Belmont Racecourse saw an estimated crowd of **100,000-150,000 people** waiting to welcome 'their' Pope – remarkable when you think that the entire population of Western Australia was just over 1 million people in 1986.



Saint John Paul II greets the enormous crowd at Belmont Racecourse.





At the time of Saint John Paul II's visit, Auxiliary Bishop, Donald Sproxton, was Secretary to Archbishop William Foley and acted as Master of Ceremonies for the Bishops during the event.

Bishop Don kindly shares his memories with us here...

“ The Holy Father arrived from Adelaide and went straight to the Belmont Racecourse where it was anticipated between 100,000 and 150,000 people would attend Mass.

Before the Pope's arrival at the racecourse, there was great anticipation, as helicopters were overhead and police sirens could be heard from the motorcade. The atmosphere had a 'beautiful festive feel'. It was a warm spring day and the crowd cheered and applauded loudly as John Paul II entered the racecourse.

Archbishop Foley welcomed the Holy Father and ended with a few words of Polish. During the Mass, it was the first time Special Ministers of the Eucharist were used in the diocese.

As soon as the Mass had concluded, the Pope visited the Convent of the Little Sisters of the Poor in Glendalough where he gave his primary address of the visit, which was on aged care.

From Glendalough, he next visited the Catholic Education Office at the Convent of Good Shepard, which he officially opened. There is now a painting in the entrance of the office to commemorate this visit and blessing.

After the day's events, John Paul II arrived at the Cathedral presbytery in the evening. On arrival, the Holy Father saw the dining room was assembled for a banquet dinner and commented to his aide: 'I can't do it' as he was so tired.

Nevertheless, a cancer patient had been brought over from the hospital and was waiting in the foyer. John Paul II immediately went over and stroked the woman's arms. I later heard that the woman recovered, although I never personally followed up on the case.

That evening, the major sponsors of the event were given the opportunity to meet the Pope. Archbishop Foley wanted to ensure that the Pope also met ordinary families from Perth and asked the priests of the Cathedral presbytery to bring their families to meet the Holy Father.

John Paul II took a short break to recover from the day before returning to the dining room for a light meal. He spent a period of time with the guests before leaving to rest for the evening.

As he made his way upstairs, young people could be heard singing and cheering outside. Eager to have rest, he realised if he did not greet the crowd he may not get any sleep and went to the balcony and said 'you

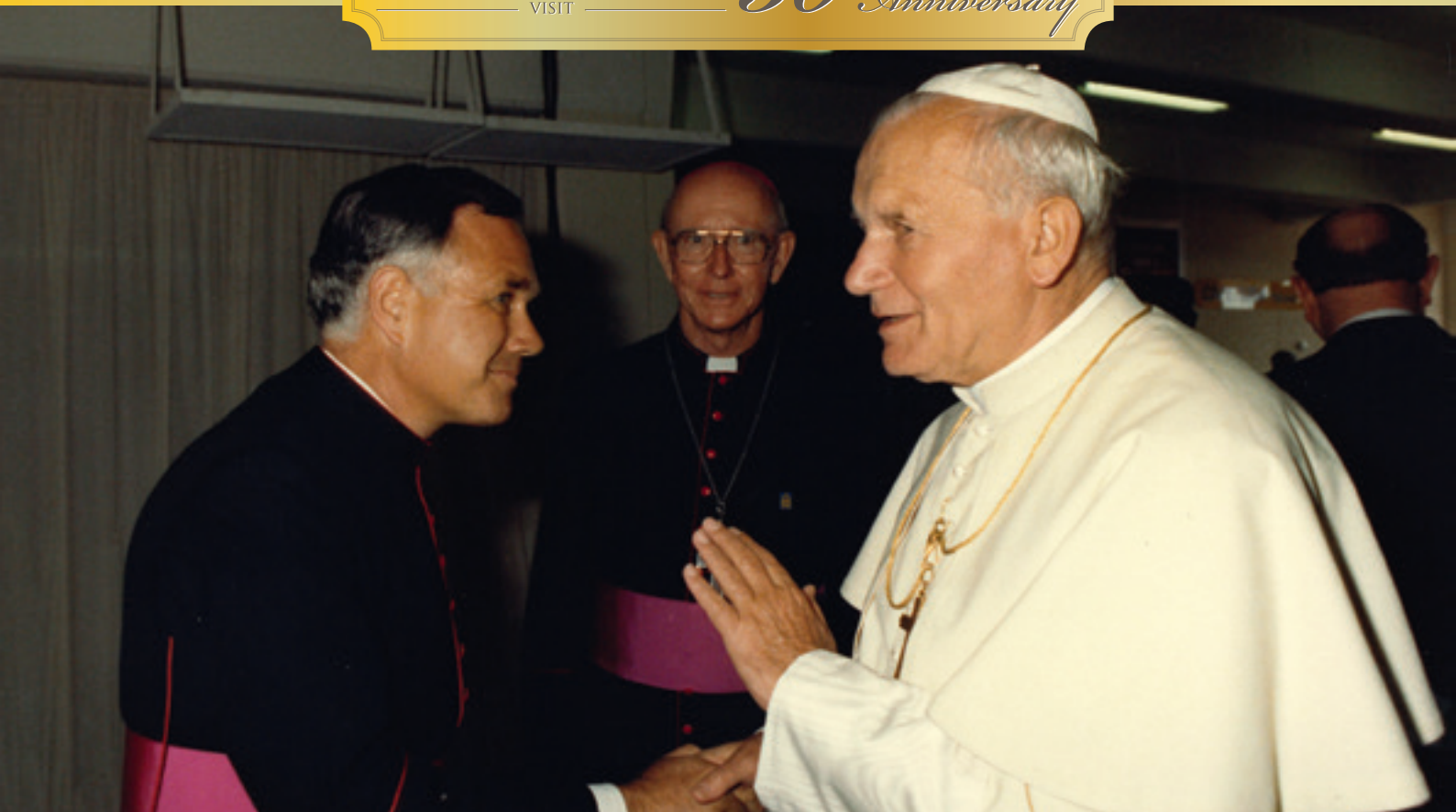
have been following the Holy Father in his trip around Australia and you must be very tired. I am tired and I am going to bed now.' Then he blessed the crowd and waved goodbye.

Early the next morning, the Holy Father prepared to leave for Rome. As the official party approached the aeroplane to leave, a little boy broke free from the barricade and ran towards toward the Pope holding a bunch of flowers. There were police and snipers everywhere and all were in a panic.

Thankfully no one took action and the Pope received the flowers and the boy ran back to his parents.

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Monsignor Michael Keating, Dean of St Mary's Cathedral, was Vicar General of the Archdiocese in 1986 during the Papal Visit. He

recalls that in the lead up to Saint John Paul II's arrival, much of the conversation among the Bishops at their weekly meetings was about preparations and hoping the event would go well.

Monsignor Michael's responsibility during the visit was to accompany all the Heads of Churches to Mass at Belmont Racecourse. Monsignor Keating said *"Ecumenism was a priority for John Paul II, as it has been for me throughout my priesthood"*.

He also recalled that Father Chris Ross had provided him with a special pin which provided access to all the functions and allowed him to meet the Holy Father.

"When the Pope arrived at Belmont Racecourse, Archbishop Foley welcomed him in Polish, which he had learnt from Father John Jegorow. I remember it

was a beautiful, warm Perth day which made the Mass even more 'amazing' for the huge crowds attending.

The altar from the Mass, designed by Iris Rossen, is now installed at Bullsbrook Parish, the Shrine of 'Virgin of the Revelation, Mother of the Church'.

After Mass, the Pope said to me 'You are very young to be a Vicar General' to which I wanted to reply 'You are very young to be a Pope'...but of course I didn't.

I remember that when the official party returned to Victoria Square, there was a large group of youth and other people lining the Square, in part due to the organisation of Father Jegorow. The crowd cheered as the clergy disembarked from the coach.

I felt so proud to be a Catholic, and I have never experienced the energy and atmosphere in Perth since."

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I FELT SO PROUD TO BE A CATHOLIC, AND I HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED THE ENERGY AND ATMOSPHERE IN PERTH SINCE”.

Father John Jegorow, parish priest at Ballajura, always felt a special connection and attachment to Saint John Paul II, which stemmed from his Polish heritage and encounters with the Holy Father.

The following are excerpts taken from an interview Father John shared with Odhran O'Brien, Manager of Heritage for the Archdiocese of Perth.



“ My mother was born in Poland and my father in St Petersburg. Bedtime stories were Polish fairy tales and poetry. Polish was spoken at home and was my first language.

As a young priest in the Cathedral parish, I'd planned a month's holiday in Europe. I only let a few people know I was going and was surprised to see Archbishop Goody's sister on the aeroplane. When it landed in Athens, I escorted the Archbishop's sister off the aircraft, waved to my Archbishop, and then asked the air hostess if a new Pope had been elected.

She answered that there was a new Pope, and he was Polish.

When news of the election reached Perth, it was the early hours of the morning. Bishop Peter Quinn received a call from the ABC asking how to pronounce Cardinal Wojtyla's name. Bishop Quinn said he would phone me (Father Jegorow) at the Cathedral and was shocked to discover that I was already in Rome. He supposedly exclaimed to the parish housekeeper, Kath Johnson: 'these Poles, they certainly stick together!'

In Rome, I stayed with the Vincentians priests at their College. Many were fatigued by official Vatican events, having recently witnessed the death of Pope Paul VI, the election

and death of John Paul I and then the election of John Paul II.

As a result, there were spare tickets available for the Papal Inauguration of John Paul II, which I was given. My ticket was on the left hand side at the very front.

Over time, I got to know the Pope's Private Secretary, Bishop Stanisław Dziwisz, and had a number of close encounters with His Holiness including saying Mass in the Pope's private chapel.

When John Paul II's visit to Perth was announced, I decided to take every opportunity to fully participate. On the morning of the Pope's arrival, I was up early with excitement. I'd received some 'inside information' about the movements of the Pope after the Mass at Belmont.

I organised the Salvatorians' Polish priests to be ready under the grandstand. At the end of the Mass, they all called to the Pope in Polish. Pope John Paul II heard them, and to Archbishop's slight annoyance, stopped to chat and embrace his countrymen.

Later, whilst the Pope was meeting a number of personalities at the Cathedral Presbytery, including Alan Bond's sailing crew, I organised

for a youth sing-along outside the Cathedral. I recall the group of young people managed to make quite a bit of noise.

After his evening meal the Pope gave one last unscheduled and spontaneous audience to 350 young people from the balcony of the Cathedral Presbytery. When the Pope appeared, the young people leaped over the Cathedral fence and crammed below the balcony. The large security force was unable to stop them despite their concerns for the Pope's safety.

The young people were so joyful they refused to be stopped.

On the final morning of the visit, I made my way to the airport. I joined a group of school children and their teacher from St Bridgid's Primary School in Midland. The principal, Sr Margaret O'Sullivan, sought my help to teach the students the Polish greeting song – Sto Lat (May you live a 100 years).

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Editor's Note: Father Jegorow wore red and white socks to catch the Pope's attention. His brightly coloured socks became famous as a newspaper included a photograph and reported on his efforts to get the Pope's attention.

To provide a different perspective of the Saint John Paul II's visit to Australia, we are delighted to include excerpts from the written memoirs of Mr John Foster, a Member of the Commonwealth Government's 'Papal Visit Task Force'.



His Holiness' visit. Monsignor Walsh orchestrated the meetings with dignity and aplomb.

After my second or third meeting I said to Monsignor – 'Boy these meetings can get somewhat robust, with each state's clerical and secular members at times vigorously putting their points of view'. 'Oh don't you worry, John', he said, 'you Commonwealth bureaucrats have only been doing this for a hundred years or so. We in the Church have a bureaucratic tradition dating back over 2000 years'.

As I write I look up at a photo of the Holy Father and myself taken at the Archbishop's residence here in Perth, in the early hours prior to his departure from Australia.

'Not bad for a non-Catholic', our local priest Father Joe Walsh at St Joseph's in Subiaco says.

"There is John, with a photo of himself and a Saint. He shows it to everyone."

So this was my journey. I feel blessed and privileged to have been involved.

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“ *Early in 1986 I was asked to go on a journey, the likes of which I had not been involved with before.*

At the time I worked for a Commonwealth Government agency in Canberra responsible for coordinating protective security arrangements for Visiting Heads of Government/State whilst visiting Australia.

The visit of Pope John Paul II was being planned, albeit at year's end – the head of the Catholic Church, but so what I thought? What does the Commonwealth have to do with a head of a church? Well, His Holiness is also the Head of the Vatican City – therefore a Head of State.

First up, it meant becoming a member of the Commonwealth Government Papal Visit Task Force. There were all

sorts of bureaucrats involved – those concerned with ceremonial and hospitality matters, others with the media and communications, aviation, ground transport, baggage handling etc. The list goes on.

This to a lesser degree was replicated by the respective state and territory governments where His Holiness was to visit. But I digress; the Catholic Church also had its own Papal Visit Office and organisational structure, headed by the National Director, Monsignor Brian Walsh OBE from Victoria. After all, this was the first visit to Australia by a Pope. Similarly, each State mirrored the national office – this was getting bigger than Ben Hur.

Monthly my colleagues and I met in Melbourne with the national and state/territory clergy responsible for



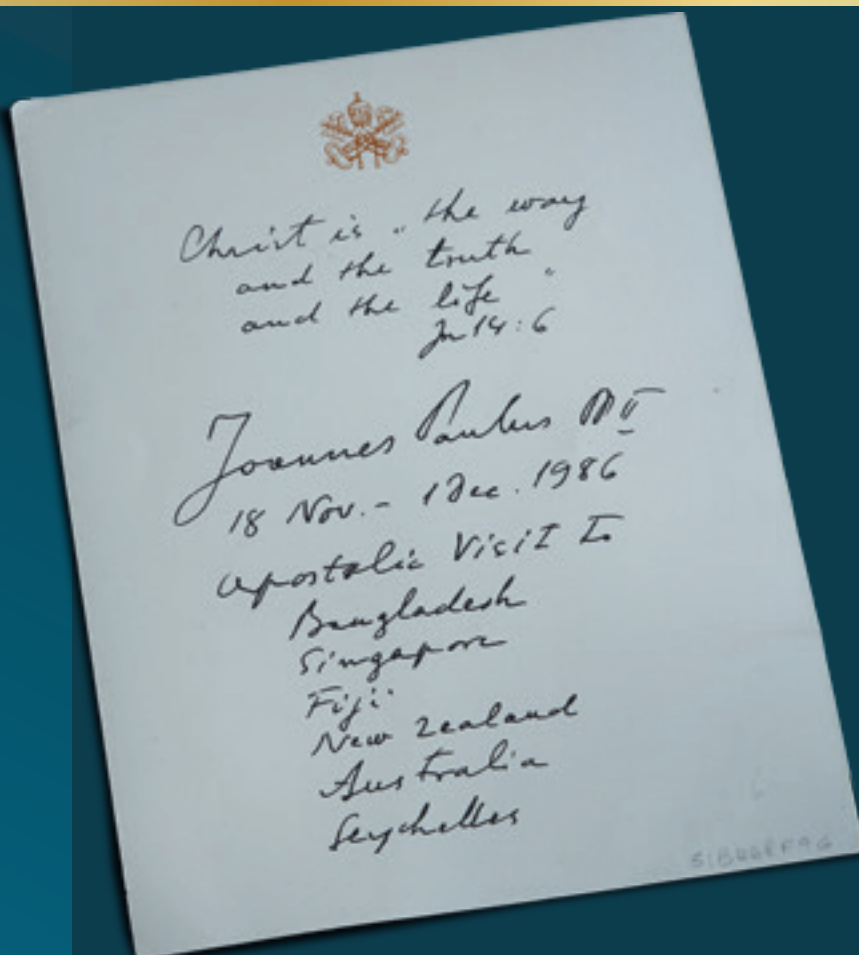
Saint John Paul II at the Cathedral presbytery prior to the banquet dinner.

Christmas Cards released to commemorate Saint John Paul II's visit.



Saint John Paul II graciously left this handwritten note prior to his departure from the Cathedral Presbytery for the last time.

It remains one of the most treasured mementos of his visit to Perth, and is included in the Cathedral's museum of artefacts stored in display cases underneath St Mary's Cathedral.



IT READS:



CHRIST IS "THE WAY,
AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE"

JOHN 14:6

JOANNES PAULUS II
18 NOV. - 1 DEC. 1986

APOSTOLIC VISIT TO
BANGLADESH
SINGAPORE
FIJI
NEW ZEALAND
AUSTRALIA
SEYCHELLES

Saint John Paul II's message also holds special meaning for our Archbishop Timothy.

When installed as the Archbishop of Perth, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB chose as his motto:



VIA, VERITAS, VITA.
(THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE)

In the Gospel (John 14:6) Jesus describes himself as the Way, the Truth and the Life.

In choosing this motto the Archbishop wished to indicate that Jesus stands at the very heart of our faith.

It is He whom we seek to know, to love, to serve and to proclaim.

It is He who will lead us to the Father for, as He says, "No-one can come to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

Editor's Note:

We wish to acknowledge and thank Mr Odhran O'Brien, Manager of Heritage for the Archdiocese of Perth, for his generous assistance and support in collating this commemorative material. We also wish to acknowledge the support and assistance of the Archdiocesan Archives. *Thank you.*



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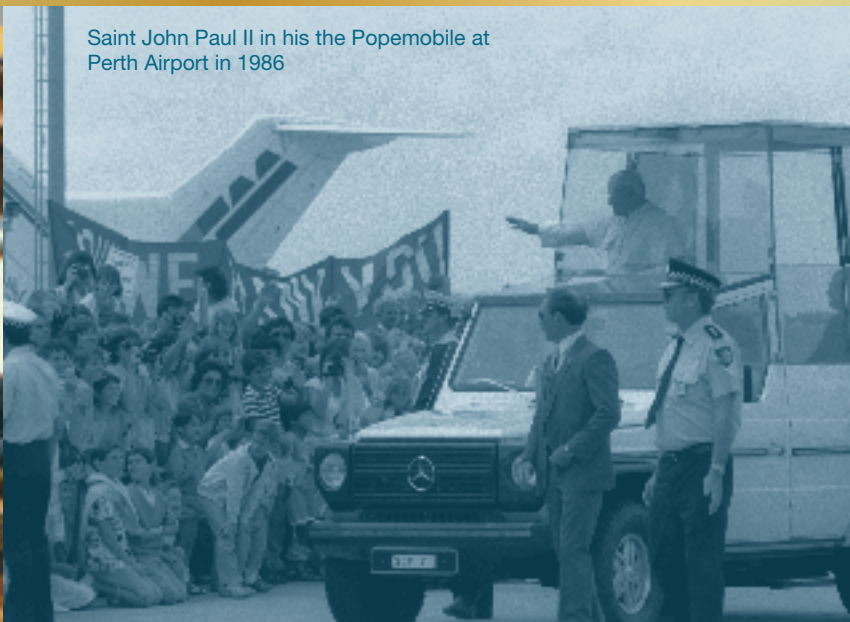
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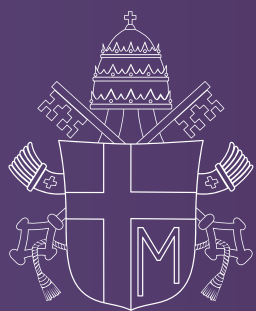
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(John 14:6)





Saint John Paul II in his the Popemobile at Perth Airport in 1986



POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II

1920 - 2005

Saint John Paul II was born on 18 May 18, 1920 in Wadowice, Poland.

He was elected as Pope on 22 October 1978, after Pope John Paul I (who had been elected in August after the death of Pope Paul VI) died after just thirty-three days.

Saint John Paul II was the first non-Italian elected Pope in 455 years. His papacy would last more than 27 years, making him the second longest reigning Pope in modern history, after Pope Pius IX, who served for almost 32 years from 1846 to 1878.

During his reign, Saint John Paul II visited 129 countries (some several times) and travelled over 700,000 miles. He took the Universal Church to the world, and people the world over embraced him for it. He truly was "The Peoples' Pope".

Saint John Paul died at the age of 84 at the Vatican April 2, 2005, the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday.

Saint John Paul II's cause for Canonisation commenced in 2005, one month after his death with the traditional five-year waiting period waived. On 19 December 2009, Saint John Paul II was proclaimed Venerable by his successor, Pope Benedict XVI, and was beatified on 1 May 2011 (Divine Mercy Sunday) after the Congregation for the Causes of Saints attributed one miracle to his intercession, the healing of a French nun from Parkinson's disease.

A second miracle attributed to Saint John Paul II's intercession was approved on 2 July 2013, and confirmed by Pope Francis two days later (two miracles must be attributed to a person's intercession to be declared a Saint).

Saint John Paul II was canonised on 27 April 2014 (Divine Mercy Sunday) together with Pope St. John XXIII.

On 11 September 2014, Pope Francis added Saint John Paul II's optional memorial feast day to the worldwide General Roman Calendar of saints, in response to worldwide requests. It is traditional to celebrate Saints' feast days on the anniversary of their deaths, but that of Saint John Paul II (22 October) is celebrated on the Anniversary of his Papal Inauguration.



POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II
VISIT

30th Anniversary



Archbishop Welcomes New Members to

Ancient Papal Order

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe took inspiration from Saint John Paul II at the Investiture Mass of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, telling the Knights and Dames to “throw open the doors of your heart to Christ”.

This Mass is the biggest annual event for the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and includes an Investiture Ceremony during which new members are welcomed.

The new Knights welcomed this year were - Aloysius Peng Sun Chan, Adrian Praveen Gnanamuthu and Colin Peter Vagues. The new Dames were - Agatha Siaw Lan Ho, Catherine Siew Cheng Loh and Editha V Ramos III Haddenwere.

In joining the Order, the new members commit to the task of providing for the needs of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and supporting the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Knights John Thomas Dillon, Kevin Susai and Alan Clement Voisey were also promoted to Knight Commanders.

Dame Commander Janet Gardner said the Western Australian Lieutenancy of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem had about 110 active members, including a growing number from Malaysia.

Looking back to when she first joined the order in 2007, Mrs Gardner said she did not realise what a big impact it would have on her life. *“Initially I hadn’t thought about it when I got asked. My husband (Lieutenant John William Gardner) had been a member for some years before and I thought of it as something my husband and I could do together to support the Holy Land.*

Once I decided to go ahead with it for the reason that I wanted to share it with my husband, it opened a really big window in terms of the international Catholic faith and the bigger picture. It took me away from seeing the Church as local parish life and towards what the Church is trying to achieve internationally and what we could do to support that”, said Mrs Gardner.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Order doesn't only preserve Holy sites such as the Church of the Holy Sepulchre; it also supports orphanages, universities and educational colleges for people of all faiths.





THE FEAST OF

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Our Lady of Penafrancia

Chants of “Viva la Virgen” (Long live the Virgin) and a blur of blue and gold brightened St Mary’s Cathedral when the Perth Filipino community celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Penafrancia.

Also known as Nuestra Senora de Penafrancia, Our Lady of Penafrancia is an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary located in the Bicol region of the Philippines, whose reputation for performing miracles attracts five million pilgrims each year.

The devotion to Our Lady of Penafrancia, who is the Patroness and Queen of Bicol and endearingly addressed by Bicolans as Ina (Mother), began in 1710 and has since spread to many parts of the world.

Attended by some 900 people, the Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral was celebrated by Assistant Priest, Father Jeffey Casabuena, and sponsored by the Western Australian Oragon Group.

During his homily, Fr Casabuena reflected on the history of the devotion, which began in the 15th century in Spain, when the Blessed Virgin Mary spoke to a holy man called Simon Vela and asked him to find her shrine in a place called Pena de Francia.

Simon searched for five years before finally finding Pena de Francia, where Mary appeared to him and instructed him to dig in the ground. Simon dug up the image of Our Lady of Penafrancia and it was there that the devotion began, before later being brought to the Philippines by a Spanish family.



Archbishop Costelloe SDB delivered an inspiring message during his annual Eucharistic Celebration for Church Agency Personnel at St Mary's Cathedral.



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Archdiocesan Agencies Commissioning Mass

More than 200 staff and volunteers from our Archdiocesan agencies attended the Mass, including the Archdiocesan Administration Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Emmanuel Centre, Daydawn Advocacy Centre, the Justice Ecology and Development Office, Catholic Youth Ministry, Centre for Liturgy and the Archdiocesan Communications Office.

The Mass was concelebrated by Vicar General Father Peter Whitely, Dean of St Mary's Cathedral Monsignor Michael Keating, Monsignor Brian O'Loughlin, Father Phillip Perreau.

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe challenged the Archdiocese of Perth agency staff to make sure that every encounter people have with their agencies is "an encounter with the mercy of Jesus".

Archbishop Costelloe recalled the words of Pope Francis, who has described Jesus as "the face of the Father's mercy". These words have special meaning for those people who work in an agency of the Archdiocese of Perth, he said, thereby issuing a challenge to the congregation.

"If all of us, in our own ways as people engaged in the life and mission of the Church, are the face of the Church to those we encounter, then our vocation, and our goal, must be that every encounter people have with us is an encounter with the mercy of Jesus", said Archbishop Timothy.



Director of the Justice Ecology and Development Office, Carol Mitchell, leads the Universal Prayers during the Mass.

A TRIBUTE TO *Mary*

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!

LIGHT OF OUR FAIR CITY

WATCHING US LOVINGLY,

MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN.

BECKONING FROM THE HILL:

NEO-GOTHIC GRANDEUR;

CIRCLE OF GREAT SPLENDOR,

SPIRES AND FOUNTAINS THRILL.

TRIBUTE TO OUR MOTHER,

CALLING US TO JESUS,

HIS PLAN AND LOVE FOR US.

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ECHOES FADE, FROM THE TILLS.

BY ROLAND FERNANDEZ

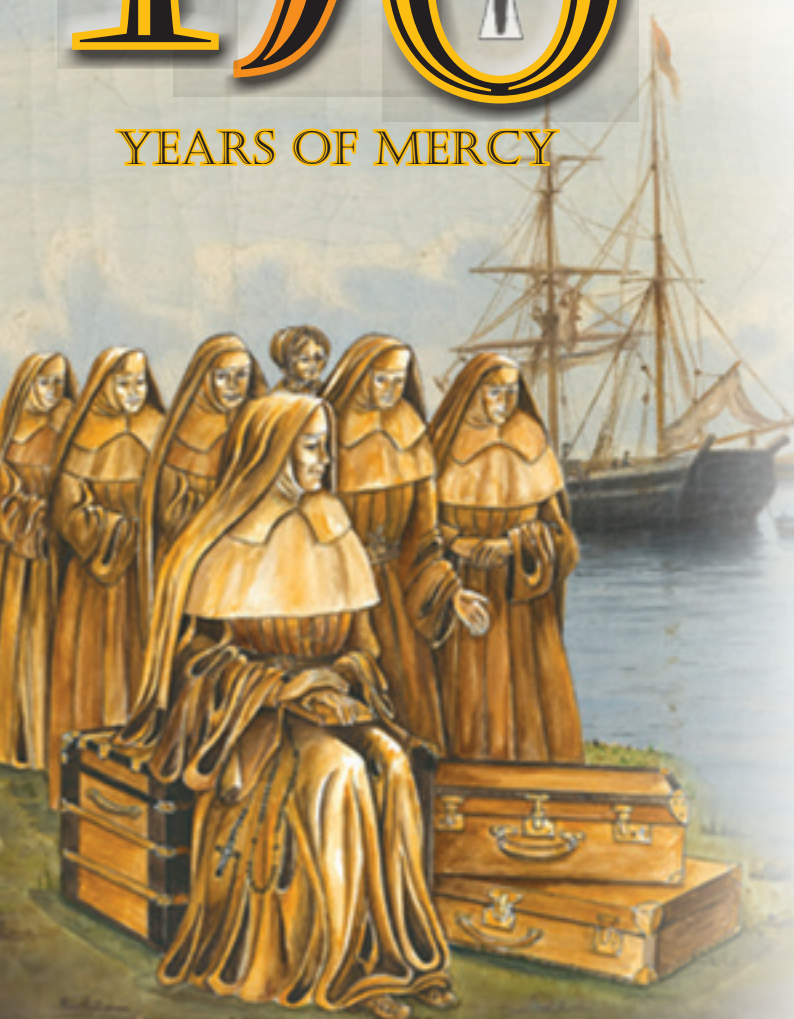


170TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SISTERS OF MERCY

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YEARS OF MERCY



On Saturday 24 September 2016, St Mary's Cathedral welcomed representatives and special guests of The Sisters of Mercy Australia and New Zealand, to celebrate the 170th anniversary of the first Sister of Mercy arriving in Australia on Friday, January 9, 1846.

Ursula Frayne and her six companions sailed up the Swan River from Fremantle to the young, struggling township which, in time, would become the modern, vibrant, multi-cultural city of Perth.

Recounting this day in her letter to the Sisters back in Dublin, Ursula wrote: *"We had a most delightful sail The weather was glorious; a strong breeze tempered the heat of the burning sun, and filling our sails, propelled us along so smoothly that we hardly felt the motion.....The scenery was charming, the river broad and winding. Nature here had an undivided empire; human industry had literally done nothing. At length we came to the landing place, a veritable jetty, upon which were assembled a crowd of sightseers.... Among them were two or three aboriginal natives, who in their short cloaks of kangaroo skin looked really majestic".*

More than 500 guests attended this special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, joined by Bishop Christopher Saunders from Broome, Bishop Gerard Holohan from Bunbury, Fr Peter Whitley, Vicar General of Perth, Monsignor Michael Keating, Dean, St Mary's Cathedral and a number of priests.

The Sisters of Mercy are recognised for their commitment and service to Education, Healthcare and compassionate support for the poor and refugees, not only here in WA but nationally and internationally.



To begin the celebration, the Sisters and special guests were welcomed to country by Ben Taylor and companions.



Sisters of Mercy across Australia and representatives from other Religious Orders in Perth with family and friends, contributed to the spirit of prayer and thanksgiving for the gift of the Sisters of Mercy we were remembering and each other.



The Sisters of Mercy have worked in many dioceses across Australia. As a reflection of the unique partnership with these dioceses, several Bishops from Western Australia celebrated with the Sisters. Archbishop Costelloe SDB from Perth, Bishop Saunders from Broome, Bishop Holohan from Bunbury, Fr Peter Whitley-Vicar General of Perth, Monsignor Michael Keating, Dean of St Mary's Cathedral and a number of priests.



Mercedes College combined with Santa Maria College to lead the singing. Nina O'Rourke from Mercedes College lead the Responsorial Psalm and Alleluia Verse.



OUR SYMBOL

Our Mercy Cross challenges us to a deeper awareness of the mystery of death and resurrection in God's plan of redemption.

It constantly says to us how infinitely great is God's mercy [Eph 2:8].

The original Mercy Cross was ebony with the ivory insert.

Our contemporary emblem preserves this symbol

of our identification with Christ, both crucified and risen.

It reminds us that

Without the Cross the real Crown cannot come.

It urges us to offer the gift of ourselves. He has written us in His hands.

Shall not we then write His wounds on our minds and hearts.

Editor's Note:

Special thanks to Sr Kerry Willison RSM, Director of Liturgy for the Archdiocese of Perth, who provided these words for our newsletter...thanks Sr Kerry!

We congratulate the Sisters of Mercy on this special anniversary, and extend our heartfelt thanks to all the Sisters for their continuing service in this Archdiocese.



24th
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Celebration OF Love

FROM PILGRIMS TO PARTNERS

In 2008, Amador Vargas Jr was leading a group of pilgrims to Sydney for World Youth Day and came to stay in Perth for a week of 'Days in the Diocese' experience. The group was with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal from USA.

It was during this visit that he first met Anita Parker, Director of Catholic Youth Ministry for the Archdiocese of Perth. After working together for the WYD project, they kept in touch as friends for many years. Amador with his brother and sister joined the Perth pilgrims in Madrid for the 2011 WYD, and Amador joined the Perth group again for the WYD 2013 experience in Rio.

As Anita happily recalls, *"We were also meeting up around the world every year, sometimes by chance or by the Holy Spirit, other times it was a coordinated visit to catch up. We started dating in October 2014."*

In 2015, Amador arranged a surprise trip for me to Rome for my birthday. He proposed outside the Vatican early on a Wednesday morning when I arrived from my flight, and we attended the Papal audience straight afterwards. Father Conor Steadman was in Rome for his final studies and gave us a newly engaged blessing and celebrated Mass for us at the tomb of St John Paul II the next day", she said.

Fast forward to 24 September 2016... Mr & Mrs Vargas were married at St Mary's Cathedral.

Joined by approximately 300 family and friends, many had travelled from Mexico, USA, and the east coast of Australia to be there for Amador and Anita's special day.





Amador and Anita shared their recollections of their wedding day. *"It was a truly blessed day for us. The Cathedral is a place we both regularly go to pray together & attend (on occasions) daily Mass together, so it is a spiritual home for both of us.*

The Mass itself was uplifting and beautiful. The Cathedral choir with some extra musicians played music connected to World Youth Day - the Mass setting & theme song 'Receive the Power' was from the 2008 WYD which is where we first met.

The entrance procession included Archbishop Costelloe, Bishop Sproston, Monsignor Keating and around 20 priests. This also included Father Moses Wright - a Romanian Greek Catholic Deacon who had flown from the USA to be with us. Our family and the bridal party had such a triumphant and joyful entrance as the tune 'Prince of Denmark' was played by the musicians.

We incorporated some additional Latin American elements in the Mass which included the arras & the lasso, typical for Wedding rites in Spanish, Filipino & Latin American Catholic weddings.

The Archbishop's homily was truly memorable for both of us. We were so honoured that Archbishop Timothy was our celebrant, as he's been a spiritual father and companion to both of us through the recent WYDs. It was also important for us to have Bishop Don and many of the priests who have also supported us since the WYD 2008", they said.

We are delighted to report that the first stop Mr & Mrs Vargas made on their recent honeymoon, was to return to Rome.

Anita said, *"We dressed in our bridal attire to attend the Papal Audience with Pope Francis, where we had a chance to meet and chat with His Holiness and to receive a blessing for our marriage. It was something we will remember for the rest of our lives".*



Editor's Note:

Anita has worked for the Archdiocese of Perth since 2007 helping with the coordination the Sydney WYD, leading over 3,000 young people to Sydney and hosting almost 1,000 international pilgrims for 'Days in the Diocese'.

Since 2009, Anita has served as Director for Catholic Youth Ministry, working to support parish based and non-parish based youth ministry, continuing coordination for WYDs, and creating new initiatives to engage young people in their faith life.

A member of the Australian Catholic Youth Council since 2010, Anita is the current Chairperson for the Council, advising and supporting the ACBC on national youth initiatives. She is also a current member of the National WYD committee supporting the coordination of Australian groups travelling to WYD.

Sincere thanks to Amador and Anita for allowing us to publish details and photos of their beautiful wedding.

We wish them much joy and happiness in their married life. Congratulations!



PADRE PIO SACRED RELICS

Draw Thousands to Cathedral



More than 9,000 people flocked to St Mary's Cathedral over five days to venerate the relics of Italian Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, more commonly known as Padre Pio.

Monsignor Keating, Dean of St Mary's Cathedral said, *"What a memorable and inspirational few days we have experienced. So many wonderful things happened in people's lives: healings, conversions and pride in being Catholic."*

We were truly blessed to have the relics of Padre Pio here in Perth, the only Diocese in Australia to host the Sacred Relics.

This visit was generously organised and supported by Cathedral parishioner, Patrizia DiStefano, her parents, Cesare and Maria, together with Fr GianMaria Digiorgio – a member of Padre Pio's Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, who had studied and worked with the Saint.

I am indebted to everyone who helped make this such a magnificent success. It was a wonderful way to end this special Year of Mercy", he said.

Father Digiorgio said he had been invited to Perth by Monsignor Keating, who believed the relics of Padre Pio held particular significance now, as the Catholic community reached the end of the 2016 Jubilee Year of Mercy.





“The Monsignor has been very keen to conduct this special occasion as we reach the conclusion of this Jubilee Year of Mercy”, said Fr GianMaria.

For more than 50 years, Padre Pio of Pietrelcina reported stigmata which were studied by several 20th century physicians. The observations were reportedly unexplainable and the wounds never became infected and disappeared after his death in 1968.

The relics of Padre Pio – which include his hair, a piece of his nails and a pair of his gloves – were venerated at 13 events at the Cathedral from Saturday 22 October to Wednesday 26 October, including several Masses and a Novena and Benediction.

One of the first opportunities to venerate the relics included the Rite of the Anointing of the Sick as well as Reconciliation. The special Mass on 22 October was celebrated by Emeritus Archbishop of Hobart, Adrian Doyle and concelebrated by Monsignor Michael Keating and Assistant Priests, Father Conor Steadman and Fr GianMaria Digiorgio.

Emeritus Archbishop Barry Hickey celebrated Mass on Sunday 23 October which saw the Cathedral filled to capacity.

Pope Francis promoted Padre Pio as a Saint of Mercy earlier this year. Fr Digiorgio shared the following story of Padre Pio’s meeting with a man who was afflicted by illness and was losing his faith in God.

“One night, Padre Pio appeared and wanted to speak with this man. Padre Pio took him by the arm and helped him along the corridor until he was able to walk again: he didn’t realise that he was able to walk on his own. And the next day, Padre Pio asked him to come to the monastery to see him. And when he went into the Church, he saw a Capuchin priest and realised it was Padre Pio, who told him not to curse anymore. The man’s life was changed and he had a conversion experience”, said Fr Digiorgio.

Father Digiorgio added that the Saint’s understanding of human suffering was likely influenced by his own life, which was beset by illness and sacrifice.

“Padre Pio was a man of suffering for many, many years. So he understood deeply the sufferings of people who were physically and spiritually in torment. He also received that very special gift of the stigmata, the five wounds of Jesus, which were imprinted on his body. He became in that way, a kind of photocopy of Jesus hanging on the cross, with the same sufferings”, he said.





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Archbishop's Liturgical Launch of "Christmas Appeal for LifeLink" for Parish Priests and Appeal Representatives

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB and Auxiliary Bishop, Donald Sproxton, warmly welcomed more than 160 parish priests, parish appeal representatives and special guests to their annual Liturgical Launch in support of the Archbishop's annual 'Christmas Appeal for LifeLink'

This special event affords the Bishops the opportunity to personally express their thanks to all the parish priests and parish representatives who lend their time, support and assistance to ensure this important appeal is conducted throughout the Archdiocese.

Archbishop Costelloe SDB said, *"My Christmas Appeal is the only occasion each year that I ask parishioners to help financially support the work of our Archdiocesan welfare agencies. As the Year of Mercy ends, I hope all of us will continue to reflect thoughtfully and generously so that we may continue to respond to those in need in the community."*

This year, the Archdiocesan social service agencies funded through LifeLink, will reach out to care for more than 34,000 Western Australia families and individuals in need. The funds donated to my Christmas Appeal are vitally important if our agencies are to continue to meet the calls for help from the community."

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink was officially launched in all parishes in the Archdiocese on the weekend of Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 November.

Archbishop Costelloe SDB personally launched his appeal via a pre-recorded message which parishes were asked to screen on the weekends of 12/13 November, and the weekend of 19/20 November -appeal weekend.





LifeLink
Catholic Caring Agencies

The Archbishop has called on members of the Catholic and general community to "help heal the wounds and warm the hearts of people in need this Christmas" by generously supporting his appeal.

It is hoped that together, we will raise a minimum of **\$650,000** for our brothers and sisters in need.

Please give generously by donating online at www.lifelink.com.au or through your local parish.





PATHWAY TO *Salvation*

A UNIQUE AND A POWERFUL CATHOLIC PRAYER,
A PRAYER IN JOY, IN SORROW, AND IN TRIUMPH.
FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT, THE JOURNEY WE SHARE,
FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE; MEANING, FOR OUR TRIALS.

THE LORD'S PRAYER, AND REPEATED HAIL MARYS,
ALL THE CORE ELEMENTS OF OUR BELIEF.

WE THEN ACCLAIM THE HOLY TRINITY:
THE FATHER, SON AND SPIRIT, IN ONE BEING.

THE ROSARY, INTERTWINED WITH THE BIBLE,
OUR GOD SPEAKS TO US EACH AND EVERY DAY.
WATCHING AND GUIDING, ALL THOSE WHO LISTEN,
CALLING GENTLY, TO ALL OF THOSE WHO STRAY.

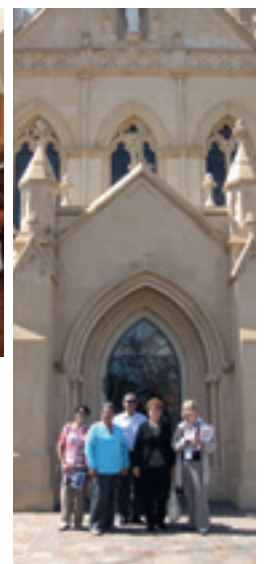
THE BEADS, OUR SIMPLE SYMBOL OF BELIEF,
OUR MESSAGE TO THE WORLD, AMID ITS GRIEF.

BY ROLAND FERNANDEZ

Would You Like to be a
TOUR GUIDE
at St Mary's Cathedral?

**Do you enjoy interacting with
people from all walks of life?**

We are calling for people who are interested in showcasing our magnificent Cathedral to visitors and organisations. Applicants need to have an understanding of Catholic beliefs and practices as well as good verbal communication skills. Comprehensive training and mentoring will be provided.



An Information Meeting will be held at 10.30am
Wednesday 18th January 2017 at St Mary's Cathedral
Parish Centre.

For more information please telephone Carol Wright
on 0419 948 411 or email: clwright@bigpond.net.au



"PLEASE GENEROUSLY SUPPORT 'OUR' CATHEDRAL APPEAL"

(PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY)

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Please provide a tax deductible receipt in the following name		

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in the loving memory of	

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BEQUEST INFORMATION

I/we would like to make a bequest in my/our Will to St Mary's Cathedral and would like further information.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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WELCOME TO ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, PERTH

Weekday Mass Times

Monday to Friday 8:00am
12:10pm

Weekend Masses

Saturday 8.00am
6.00pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8.00am
9.30am
11.00am
5.00pm (Youth Mass)

Reconciliation

Monday to Friday 11.15am to 12.10pm
Saturday 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Mass Centres

St Catherine Labouré

Bedford Avenue, Subiaco

Sunday 8.30am

St Francis Xavier

Windsor Street, Perth

Sunday 9.30am

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