

OUR CATHEDRAL

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I HAVE LOVED, O LORD, THE BEAUTY OF THY HOUSE,
AND THE PLACE WHERE THY GLORY DWELLETH

PSALM 26:8



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL – 152 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF PERTH



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THE CATHEDRAL DIARY

Forthcoming activities and events at St Mary's Cathedral.

JULY

Sun 2nd	<i>3pm</i>	Divine Mercy Chaplets
Fri 7th	<i>9.30am</i>	Agency Commissioning Mass
Sun 9th	<i>11am</i>	Aboriginal Community Mass (end of NAIDOC Week)
Mon 24th	<i>5pm</i>	Catholic Arts Sacred Choral

AUGUST

Sun 6th	<i>3pm</i>	Divine Mercy Chaplets
Thurs 10th	<i>9.30am</i>	Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem
Sun 13th	<i>3pm</i>	Holy Hour for Vocations
Tues 15th	<i>9am</i>	Assumption Mass (Mercedes)
Tues 15th	<i>8am, 12.10pm & 6pm</i>	Feast of the Assumption Masses
Sun 20th	<i>11am</i>	1st Holy Communion

SEPTEMBER

Sun 3rd	<i>3pm</i>	Divine Mercy Chaplets
Sat 9th	<i>4pm</i>	Filipino Mass
Tues 12th	<i>9.30am</i>	Secretarys' Day
Sat 16th	<i>4pm</i>	Our Lady of Pena Francia, Filipino Mass (in English)
Sun 17th	<i>2pm</i>	Community Singing
Sun 24th	<i>2pm</i>	WASO Concert

OCTOBER

Sun 1st	<i>3pm</i>	Divine Mercy Chaplets
Sun 8th	<i>11am</i>	Confirmation
Sat 14th	<i>4pm</i>	Filipino Mass
Sun 15th	<i>11am</i>	Catenians' Mass
Mon 16th	<i>5pm</i>	Mercedes Graduation Mass
Thurs 19th	<i>5pm</i>	Iona Presentation College Graduation Mass
Fri 20th	<i>7pm</i>	Corpus Christi Bateman Valedictory Mass
Mon 23rd	<i>5.30pm</i>	Santa Maria Year 12 Valedictory Mass
Sun 29th	<i>2pm</i>	Indonesia Mass - 25th Anniversary

Editor's Note:

Dear Readers,

Since the release of our last issue in November 2016, there have been so many wonderful photos captured of Masses and Events at the Cathedral. Whilst we haven't yet had the opportunity of sharing these with you, we are delighted to do so now.



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

A Message

FROM THE DEAN

Dear Friends of the Cathedral,

In 1926, when Archbishop Clune embarked on the third design and construction phase for our beloved St Mary's Cathedral, he said:

"We will build a Cathedral worthy of Almighty God, of the Archdiocese and of the City of Perth".

In his fundraising appeal at that time, Archbishop Clune used Psalm 26:8 to inspire the people...

"We have loved, O Lord, the beauty of Thy House, and the place where Thy Glory dwelleth".

Our cover design carries these same words because I think they beautifully sum up just what the Cathedral means to me, and to so many people. As you'll discover in this issue, St Mary's Cathedral continues to be a place of the people, for the people. It welcomes thousands of visitors each week for Masses, Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals, Events and special gatherings. As it has done for more than 152 years, 'OUR' Cathedral continues to serve - a place worthy of God, of the Archdiocese and of the City of Perth!

We had the most beautiful Holy Week (from 9th to 16th April) that I can remember here in the Cathedral. Palm Sunday was outstanding with huge crowds. Tuesday of Holy Week saw the Annual Chrism Mass with the Archbishop concelebrating Mass with about 180 Priests. I was so proud of the Cathedral Community which provided a wonderful meal for all the Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Servers and Choristers. So much wholesome food and plenty of drinks made for a beautiful gathering around our Archbishop. The Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday were led by the Archbishop, accompanied by amazing music and devout participants. Elsewhere in this publication you will see photos of those days.

Anzac Day was duly celebrated and on the 12th and 13th May, we joined in spirit with Pope Francis, in Fatima, Portugal, to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's

appearing to the three children Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia in 1917. The Pope Canonised (declared Saints) two of the children - Jacinta and Francisco, who died when they were very young. The third child, Lucia, lived a long life as a Religious Sister and her case for Canonization is underway. Jacinta and Francisco have become the two youngest non-Martyred Saints in Church history.

I ask for your ongoing generosity, as already maintenance work needs doing in the porch and elsewhere. Thank you for what you have been able to contribute towards the substantial costs of running the Cathedral.

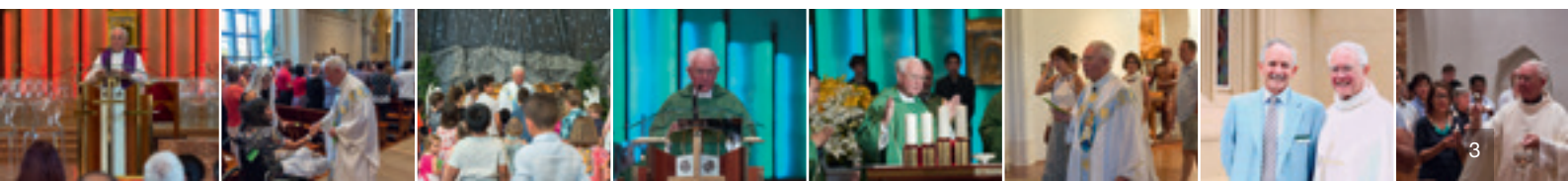
Please remember the Cathedral in your Will. I have had the honour and privilege of serving as Dean of the Cathedral for almost eight years now, and I continue to love the Cathedral and the work for the Church we are able to do. We have here in the Cathedral three remarkable young Priests - Frs Brennan Sia, Jeffrey Casabuena and Conor Steadman. It is truly a privilege to serve in the Mother Church, in this iconic building.

We are assisted by our Cathedral Supervisor, Tony Meyrick and Director of Cathedral Music, Jacinta Jakovcevic. There are of course other helpers and volunteers who keep our Cathedral functioning. Our excellent staff, Loretta Turner and Natalie Feltham, keep the Cathedral Office at 25 Victoria Avenue functioning very well.

An active Cathedral Parish is flourishing with the recent establishment of a Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society and the formation of a Youth Group. **Praise the Lord!**

As I prepare to depart on Pilgrimage, I ask God to bless you and your families.

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



Dancers from the African community add a special touch to the Presentation of the Gifts during the annual Multicultural Mass

11th
Nov

Multicultural Day Mass Brightens Cathedral

Colourful dress, lively traditions and beautiful languages filled the Cathedral for the celebration of the second annual Multicultural Mass, which honours the rich cultural diversity within the Archdiocese and the common faith which unites members of the Perth Catholic community.

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB was joined by the Vicar for Migrants, Fr Benedict Lee, Fr Brennan Sia (MC) and Deacon Bruce Talbot. The chaplains to each of the Perth migrant communities were also in attendance, along with the Indonesian, African and Tamil community choirs and a violinist from the Korean community.

Members of the Indonesian and Croatian communities read the First and Second Readings, while members of the Chinese, Vietnamese, Arabic, Indonesian, Malay and Burmese communities embraced the multicultural nature of the Mass by reading the Universal Prayers in their mother tongues. The Presentation of the Gifts was also a vibrant affair, with dancers from the African community adding a special touch to proceedings.

Addressing the 400-strong congregation during his homily, Archbishop Costelloe said the Catholic Church in Australia was in many ways characterised by its multicultural nature. *"We are being called to show in practice what the Catholic Church, as a true community of disciples of Jesus, should look like as a multicultural Christian community in a multicultural society"*, he said.



Parishioners, many of whom wore their national dress for the occasion, pose for photos in St Mary's Cathedral following the Mass





Archbishop Costelloe closes St Mary's Cathedral Jubilee Holy Door of Mercy

CLOSING OF THE

Holy Door

13th
Nov



"As this Holy Door closes, the sense of God's mercy in our lives does not become closed off from us".

With these words of encouragement, Archbishop Costelloe closed St Mary's Cathedral Jubilee Holy Door of Mercy at the end of a special Mass attended by more than 600 people.

In his homily, the Archbishop reflected on the meaning of this extraordinary year by highlighting those areas where the Church called its people to be more attentive. The first of these was stated by Pope Francis in December 2015 when he said that "Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy".

The Archbishop explained that if our constant teaching as a Church is that we, who are the Church, are meant to be the living presence of Jesus in our world, we are then "called through our commitment to, and communion with Jesus, to be the face of the Father's mercy in our own time and place".

The key to embracing this call, he explained, is to be found in the mercy we show others.

"This will require generosity of spirit, largeness of heart and constant compassionate patience. It will require us all to engage in what Pope Francis speaks about so often: the art of accompanying each other on our journey of faith.

What the Lord asks of us is that we walk together, encouraging each other, helping each other to open our lives to the power of God's grace, assisting each other to recognise the signs of God's presence in our lives, and in all these ways strengthening each other so that, in God's time, we will be able to take whatever steps we need to take to align our lives more and more to God's divine plan for us.

This is the gift the Year of Mercy has offered us. As we bring this year to a conclusion with the closing of the Holy Door we pray that this gift will continue to enrich us so that we, in our turn, can enrich the lives of others, especially those we love", said Archbishop Costelloe.



Archbishop Timothy Costelloe (centre) with Auxiliary Bishop Don Sproston (far right) and Ordinary of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Monsignor Harry Entwistle (far left) and the four newly ordained deacons – (from second left) Rev Konrad Gagatek, Rev Mariusz Grzech, Rev Tung Vu and Rev Joseph Laundry.



NEW DEACONS CALLED TO BE

Men of Prayer

2nd
Dec

St Mary's Cathedral warmly welcomed more than 900 family, friends and guests to the joyous celebration of the Ordination of four new Deacons.

Rev Tung Vu, Rev Joseph Laundry, Rev Mariusz Grzech and Rev Konrad Gagatek hail from Vietnam, Poland and Australia. Their ordination brings them a step closer to the ministry of priesthood and one of the three forms of the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Archbishop Costelloe spoke about the importance of prayer, as he ordained the four men from the St Charles Seminary to the Diaconate.

"In mysterious ways which we cannot always understand or even notice, prayer shapes and moulds us, as a potter shapes the clay. And so, among other things, each morning our soon-to-be-ordained young men will recite the prayer we know as the Benedictus.

It is a prayer which takes on special meaning in this time of Advent because it is the prayer prayed by the priest Zechariah after the birth of his son, John, who will grow up to become the man we know as St John the Baptist. He is a central figure in this time of Advent and is I believe, a very important model for anyone who wants to exercise ministry in the Lord's Church", he said.

The Archbishop went on to say that because it is during this time of Advent that our four young candidates will become deacons, he wants to suggest to them that they might think of themselves as men whose call to ministry is and will always be marked by a special Advent spirit.

"As they pray it each morning from tomorrow onwards I hope that it will be a powerful reminder to them of all that God is doing for them, and asking of them, through tonight's ordination. In reflecting briefly on this prayer tonight I hope we will all see that it is in fact a prayer for all of us", said Archbishop Costelloe.



Archbishop Timothy Costelloe celebrates the ordination to the diaconate of Rev Konrad Gagatek, Rev Mariusz Grzech, Rev Tung Vu and Rev Joseph Laundry





NOTRE DAME

Graduates Set to Lead, Contribute and Prosper

12th
Dec

The gifts, talents and hopes of more than 1000 Notre Dame graduates were celebrated at the University's Graduation Mass and Ceremonies in Perth and Fremantle

The Notre Dame community of family, friends, benefactors, donors, academic and departmental staff, and more came together to celebrate the achievements of its graduates and the beginning of their journey as people of inspiration and hope in their communities.

Celebrations commenced with the annual Graduation Mass at a packed St Mary's Cathedral. More than 1,100 guests attended the special ceremony where graduates were presented with their graduation Crosses – a traditional icon of the University and a commemorative symbol of a student's time at Notre Dame.

During his Homily, Archbishop Costelloe called on Notre Dame's graduates to live out the Gospel values in their personal and professional lives in being people for others.

"The values that underpin the University of Notre Dame will provide you who are graduating with such solid foundations, if you are open to receive them. The extent to which you carry those values with you into the future will be the measure of how successful Notre Dame has been as a truly Catholic university."



Dr Ashley Cripps was conferred a PhD in Health Sciences at Notre Dame's Graduation Ceremony. Pictured with Dr Kate Howell, HDR Education Coordinator.





Hannah Kolbusz delivers the Farewell Address on behalf of her graduating cohort.



Proud graduates display their Notre Dame Graduation Crosses.



It will also be the measure of the integrity of the life you are building for yourselves and those you love. My prayer for you all is that your time at Notre Dame has prepared you to rise to this challenge with enthusiasm, with determination and with faith”, he said.

Professor Celia Hammond, Notre Dame’s Vice Chancellor, said in her address to graduates:

“We believe that the best education we can provide any person is one which encompasses specialised expertise, with the capacity to reflect on broader perspectives, including the ethical and social dimensions of their work, research, decision-making and promoting the common good.

As you leave Notre Dame today, we hope and pray that you will continue to develop your gifts, skills and talents and use them to serve the common good; that you will be confident in your skills and ability, but humble in dealing with others; that you have open and compassionate hearts; and that you love your neighbour as yourself and live by the golden rule: ‘do unto others as you would have them do unto you’”, she said.





Dean of St Mary's Cathedral, Monsignor Michael Keating, pictured with Ralph and Luanne Alegre and their beautiful son, Liam Antonio, who was the traditional Infant Jesus during the Children's Mass.



CELEBRATING

Christmas

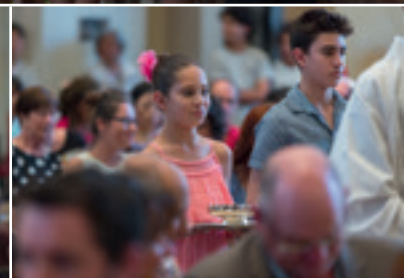
AT THE CATHEDRAL

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

As they say, a picture is worth a thousand words...
enjoy!



Monsignor Keating reads to the young people during the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve.





Archbishop Timothy Costelloe and Cathedral Assistant Priest, Father Conor Steadman cradle a doll representing the Infant Jesus during Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.





31st
Jan

2017 Catholic Education WA Commissioning Mass

Dr Tim McDonald, Executive Director, Catholic Education WA (CEWA) with Archbishop Timothy Costelloe and the Honourable Governor of Western Australia, Kerry Sanderson, at the commissioning Mass for new staff.

The celebration the 2017 Catholic Education Commissioning Mass brought together more than 800 people connected with Catholic Education WA (CEWA) including 60 new teachers and Principals commissioned to serve in local Catholic schools.

Among the special guests in attendance were Community Leaders and Local Government representatives including the Honourable Governor of Western Australia, Kerry Sanderson, Shadow Minister for Education, Hon Sue Ellery, and Executive Officer of the Parents and Friends Association of Western Australia, Siobhan Allen.

The annual Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB and concelebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Donald Sproxton, Vicar General Father Peter Whitely, Monsignor Michael Keating, Fr Nino Vinciguerra, Fr Daniel Boyd and Fr Brennan Sia as MC.

Archbishop Costelloe encouraged teachers from across the Archdiocese to focus on providing both kindness and knowledge to the students in their care. He went on to say that St John Bosco – whose Feast Day was celebrated on this date – could be used as an inspiring model for people involved in education.

Archbishop Costelloe said, *“It is particularly appropriate that we should be celebrating this Commissioning Mass on the Feast of Don Bosco, because his whole life was dedicated to the care of young people, and especially those who were poor, disadvantaged or pushed to the margins.*





Don Bosco was committed to providing the young with the best education possible...as we look for inspiration to the great figures in our Catholic tradition to keep us grounded in our work for the young, Don Bosco is certainly one of those people who have something valuable to teach us.

This is the way Jesus loved, as a careful reading of the Gospel will quickly reveal, and it is Don Bosco's gift to the Church that he clarified, by his life, what this means in relation to young people", he said.

Dr Tim McDonald, Executive Director, Catholic Education WA, emphasised the importance of helping young people grow in their faith and reach their potential.

"As staff in the school communities we serve, we are called to work together, to create extraordinary learning environments; to actively support the wellbeing of students and staff and to provide inclusive Catholic education for all who seek it.

It requires that we use our personal gifts and collective resources responsibly and generously. And above all, that we grow as Jesus' disciples and help others to know His Good News", he said.





30th
Dec

CATHEDRAL CELEBRATES MERCEDES COLLEGE

Grandparents' Mass

More than 150 Year 7 students from Mercedes College celebrated the end of the school year and their first year of high school with a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral. It was also an occasion to celebrate the people who look after and care for them.

The students were joined by their parents, siblings and grandparents and listened to the Gospel and Readings talking about the importance of family. A special prayer was read by the students to the grandparents.

Rev Father Brennan Sia, one of the Cathedral's Assistant Priests, celebrated the Mass. In his Homily, he reminded students that spending time with Grandparents was very important, so they could hear of their life experiences and learn from them.

The Year 7 members of the choir and other volunteers led the congregation in the singing of hymns.

Following the Mass, families joined together to enjoy a morning tea hosted by the College's P&F.



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Editor's Introduction:

As Monsignor Keating said in his message from page 3 of this newsletter:

"We had the most beautiful Holy Week (from 9th to 16th April) that I can remember here in the Cathedral. Palm Sunday was outstanding with huge crowds. Tuesday of Holy Week saw the Annual Chrism Mass with the Archbishop concelebrating Mass with about 180 Priests.

The Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday were led by the Archbishop, accompanied by amazing music and devout participants", he said.

Monsignor Michael shared with me (shortly before he left to lead a group on Pilgrimage on 8 June) that in his 54 years as a priest, he had never experienced such packed Masses and events throughout Holy Week.

People came to Church, quite literally, in their thousands. Over the following pages, we are delighted to share with you some of the wonderful photos from Holy Week encompassing:

Palm Sunday, Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday, Good Friday Passion, Seven Last Words, Stations of the Cross, Easter Vigil Mass and Easter Sunday Mass.



PALM SUNDAY

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WEEK 2017

CHRISM MASS





HOLY THURSDAY

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GOOD FRIDAY PASSION

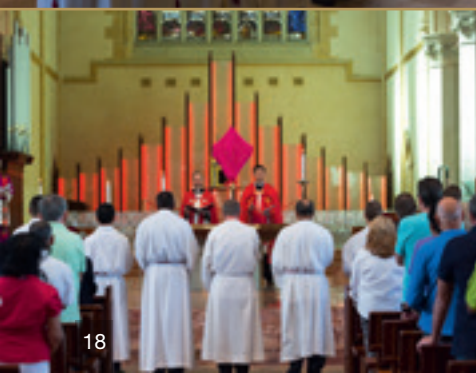




SEVEN LAST WORDS

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS





EASTER VIGIL MASS

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WEEK 2017





EASTER SUNDAY MASS

Holy
WEEK 2017



2017

Rite of Election

Being called by God to walk together in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd, encouraging and strengthening each other by the example of our lived faith, was the message delivered by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB at the Rite of Election ceremony.

The Rite of Election of Catechumens and Formal Recognition of Candidates is an annual Lenten ceremony which marks an important step in the conversion journey of both the catechumens (those unbaptised) and the candidates (those baptised in other Christian denominations).

This year approximately 150 people presented, alongside their sponsors, to become full members of the Catholic faith.

The ceremony was celebrated by Archbishop Costelloe and concelebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Don Sproxton, Vicar General - Very Rev Father Peter Whitely, Cathedral Dean, Monsignor Michael Keating and assisted by Deacon John Kiely.

The names of the catechumens and candidates were presented on scrolls to Archbishop Costelloe, to be inscribed into the Book of Elect and the Book of Recognition respectively.

In his homily, Archbishop Costelloe called for all present to be examples of the Catholic faith and a living sign that Jesus is with us, wanting to reach out to the world.

“Through us, living now in communion with him, the Lord can reach into the lives and hearts of all the people we encounter – our families, our friends, our colleagues, our neighbours, and all those others who are a part of the fabric of our lives.

Each one of us of course will do that in our own circumstances and according to our own gifts and possibilities. But as a community of faith we know that we will not do it alone; we will do it in communion with our brothers and sisters”, he said.



The Rite of Election of Catechumens and Formal Recognition of Candidates ceremony saw some 150 people presented alongside their sponsors, to become full members of the Catholic faith.



The Archbishop's delegates, Auxiliary Bishop Don Sproxton, Vicar General Father Peter Whitely and Monsignor Michael Keating welcomed the catechumens and candidates.





ST PATRICK'S DAY





17th
Mar

Perth's Irish community and other members of the Archdiocese came out in force – with many wearing green - for the annual St Patrick's Day Mass held at St Mary's Cathedral.

More than 500 people attended the service celebrated by Father Vincent Conroy and concelebrated by Thornlie Parish Priest, Monsignor Tim Corcoran, York Parish Priest, Fr Stephen Cooney OPraem, Fr Vincent Glynn and Fr Laurence Murphy.

The faithfulness and history of Ireland and Perth's Irish community, as well as the role of St Patrick was celebrated throughout the Mass, beginning with an entrance procession which featured banners and the travelling chests of Bridget Mulqueen and Elizabeth Carbury, migrants who came to Perth from Limerick and Galway respectively in the years following the Famine.

This was accompanied by the song 'Faith of Our Fathers', one of several traditional hymns heard throughout the service, such as 'Hail Glorious St Patrick', 'Soul of Our Saviour', 'Panis Angelicus' and 'Quiet Land of Erin', with soprano Mary-Attracta Connolly providing solo performances for the latter two.

In his homily for the occasion, Fr Conroy described how St Patrick had come to Ireland (from then Roman

Britain) as a slave but after gaining his freedom, had returned with the specific mission of evangelising the local people, following the lead of figures such as St Paul.

"You have honoured in your country Ireland this Saint that we know as St Patrick, who saw himself initially as a missionary very much in the style and aspirations of St Paul. He aimed to go out to the people and bring the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Patrick wasn't the first missionary to Ireland, although he was the main one. But when he came, he came with a purpose", he said.

Fr Conroy added that Irish Catholic teachers had influenced his own faith development as a child in Perth, mentioning a Mother Josepha, a member of the Brigidine Order he had known in school and Fr John Brosnan, who had been Parish Priest at Floreat-Wembley during his youth.

The focus on Irish culture was also reinforced by a liturgical dance performance by the WA Academy of Irish Dancing, together with a message from the President of Ireland, read by Honorary Consul of Ireland to Western Australia, Mr Marty Kavanagh.



19th
Mar

Cathedral Welcomes NATIONAL CDF DELEGATES

A special Mass and Dinner was hosted at St Mary's Cathedral for Managers from Catholic Diocesan Development Funds (CDF) across Australia, who had gathered in Perth for their annual conference to discuss a wide range of financial matters affecting the Church.

The Mass, celebrated by Rev Fr Brennan Sia, was attended by 44 delegates representing 24 Catholic Development Funds from Australian dioceses, and 2 representatives from the Catholic Development Fund in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Also in attendance was Glenn Mowbray representing the General Secretariat of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, and Monsignor Michael Keating, Dean of St Mary's Cathedral and who also serves as Chairman of the Perth Archdiocesan Finance Council.

Manager of the CDF for the Archdiocese of Perth, Paul Anthony, said the conferences were held every year in a different Australian city and allowed managers to discuss relevant issues as they developed.

"We were grateful for the opportunity of sharing Mass at the Cathedral, and joining together for dinner in the Parish Centre afterwards. It provided an opportunity for us to welcome the CDF representatives to Perth, and for everyone to meet prior to our two day conference.

I'd like to thank everyone involved in the Mass and the dinner, especially the Cathedral's Director of Music, Jacinta Jakovcevic, who led a talented jazz trio which provided entertainment on the night", said Mr Anthony.



Fr Michael Morrissey (Vicar General and Chancellor of the Diocese of Geraldton and now Bishop-Elect of Geraldton), Tricia Rogers – Diocese of Geraldton, Ward Italiano – Diocese of Bunbury, Glenn Mowbray – ACBC, Greg Isaac – Diocese of Lismore, Qld



The CDF Perth team - Fran Scherpenzeel, Shelia Hii, Helen Marchesani, Nadia Ferrari and Cecelia Nicholas



Paul Anthony, Manager, CDF Perth, welcomes guests to the Cathedral dinner.



Father Brennan Sia celebrates Mass



Jacinta & the Jazz Trio

DID YOU KNOW?

The CDF is an interest-bearing capital fund which exists within a local Diocese or Archdiocese, providing access to funds for a variety of Church organisations and projects, such as building renovations or upgrading of facilities.

Editor's Note

Transcendental Voices

FILLED ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

St Mary's Cathedral was delighted to once again host the talented young musicians from the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) for their annual concert.

More than 300 people gathered to hear this year's concert 'Transcendental Voices' and marvel at the energy and vigour of the young performers, whose sound and expression filled the Cathedral.

The performers were superbly led by English conductor Nicholas Cleobury, who is the brother of Stephen Cleobury (Kings College, Cambridge).

Jacinta Jakovcevic, Director of Music at St Mary's Cathedral said: *"With the concert occurring during Lent, it was an opportunity to explore a repertoire which was more Lenten, including rarely-heard works such as the hauntingly evocative 'Crucifixus' of British 20th century composer, Kenneth Leighton.*

The concert was also the debut performance of Perth soprano, Katja Webb, in our beautiful Cathedral ...and she was magnificent.

Perhaps the highlight of the whole evening was not a vocal work, but rather a solo violin piece: the 'Chaconne' of Tomaso Vitali performed by virtuoso violinist Alexandre Da Costa (WAAPA's Head of Strings).

The audience was absolutely captivated - no one moved until the rapturous applause at the end of the piece", said Jacinta.



NEWLY ORDAINED

Deacons

CALLED TO SERVICE

Most Rev Bishop Donald Sproxtan called for the two newly ordained Deacons to have courage and be the voice of Christ for people who have lost sight of God and His goodness.

31st
Mar

In a beautiful and moving ceremony, Auxiliary Bishop Donald Sproxtan presided over the Mass for the Ordination to the Diaconate of two Redemptorist Mater seminarians.

The newly ordained Deacons, Max Kenneth Acosta Garcia and Patricio Carrera Morales, hail from the Dominican Republic and Guatemala. Their ordination brings them one step closer to priestly ministry and one of the three forms of the Sacrament of Holy Orders

In his Homily, Bishop Sproxtan encouraged the two new Deacons to 'freely and willingly serve' in their ministry.

"How beautiful it is, that the first and foundational Holy Order is defined by service. The diaconate is essentially the ministry of putting oneself freely and willingly at the service of others, living no longer for themselves, but for Him who died and was raised to life for them", said Bishop Sproxtan.

Bishop Sproxtan added that through witnessing a deacon, priest or bishop sacrificing his own comfort and time to be there for others in their needs, we are able to recognise that they are a disciple of Christ.

"The foundation vocation of loving service comes from Jesus and when we are able to become servants to others, we know real joy and we become a presence of Christ to our generation. The same is said of couples in marriage as they serve in love their spouses, children and the community at large.

The gift of joy like that we experience this evening will be renewed for Kenneth and Patricio when in serving they come to know the depth of their faith and trust in Christ", he said.



The newly ordained Deacons individually declare their intent in the undertaking of the Office of Deacon at St Mary's Cathedral.



Bishop Sproxtan laid hands on each of the Deacons Elect before saying the Prayer of Ordination.



Max Kenneth Acosta Garcia and Patricio Carrera Morales lay prostrate on the ground during their Ordination to the Diaconate





19th
May

Archbishop Celebrates Mass for School Leaders at Cathedral

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe warmly welcomed attendees of the '2017 Catholic Schools Board Chair Conference' to a special Mass at St Mary's Cathedral.

Over 100 delegates from 110 Catholic schools across Western Australia attended this conference, which provided the opportunity for sharing information about significant issues relating to Catholic Education in Western Australia.

In the Archbishop's Homily, he said to the teachers and school leaders gathered at the Cathedral that they were in a good position to share the message of the Gospel with their students.

"Those called to leadership in the educational efforts of the Church in any way, whether it be as clergy, as leaders and teachers in our schools, or as Chairpersons of School Boards, have in the words of this afternoon's Gospel, been chosen and commissioned by Christ to bear fruit that will last.

For us that fruit, in the end, will come by working together to ensure that the joy of the Gospel, and the peace promised by the Lord to those who build their lives on him, and the serenity and security which comes from taking Jesus at his word when he calls himself the Way, and the Truth and the Life, are offered to our children and young people in a faithful, joy-filled and life-affirming way.

None of us can do this on our own but each can play his or her part. It is together, with our eyes fixed on Jesus as our guide and companion, that we can enrich the lives of our children and young people with the joy of the gospel and the peace of the risen Lord", said Archbishop Costelloe.

Dr Tim McDonald, Executive Director, Catholic Education WA, in his opening Address at the conference said: *"We have an amazing Catholic story to tell. The challenge is to make this story meaningful in the lives of our children, staff and parents in complex times.*

Catholic identity, and how this is articulated with meaning and purpose, is central to the work of CEWA. It is paramount that our efforts remain centred on maintaining fidelity to the Bishops' Mandate.

As leaders in Catholic schools, I encourage Board Chairs to embrace the opportunity for transformation, to take strength from their purpose of providing for the needs of current and future students in their school communities.

In the words of Pope Francis, 'Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek', he said.



CATHEDRAL'S 2017

21st
May

Concert Series

HAS WINTRY START

Over 100 people braved the first onslaught of wild wintry weather to be at the Cathedral and experience a programme entitled "An afternoon with Mr Dodd and Mr Hobday" which celebrated the builders of the Cathedral's two pipe organs.

Josiah Eustace Dodd (1856-1952: Grand organ) and Arthur Hobday (1851-1912: Chancel organ).

In particular, the focus was on music of the early 1900s, as it was in 1910 that Dodd visited Perth and began building instruments for our Churches, including the Grand Pipe Organ here at St Mary's Cathedral.

The Cathedral Choir and soloists (in period costume) performed music which was sung during this period of our history – including some items which the Cathedral Choir sang at that time, and probably haven't been performed in Perth since.

Guests also enjoyed a presentation by well-known historian Richard Offen from Heritage Perth, who provided anecdotes about life in Perth during these early days.

Jacinta Jakovcevic, Director of Music at St Mary's Cathedral said:

"This was a truly delightful afternoon where all of us (the audience and performers alike) were transported into yesteryear – and it was a most enlightening and enjoyable experience to connect with some of the music from our history, especially knowing that this same music had been sung here in this very building many years ago".



WEST AUSTRALIAN *Symphony Orchestra's* PERFORMANCE... A TRIUMPH!



28th
May

The first of two concerts by WASO Chorus to be presented at St Mary's Cathedral during 2017, was nothing short of a triumph. The Cathedral was filled to absolute capacity for WASO's sold-out performance of Gabriel Faure's 'Requiem' – a beloved choral masterpiece.

The soloists were Cathedral Chorister, John van Beek (soprano) singing the famous solo 'Pie Jesu', and Paul-Anthony Keightley (baritone) who sang as a WAAPA undergraduate at the Cathedral in 2010 at one of the very first concerts to be held following its restoration.

The organ accompaniment was provided by our Cathedral's Director of Music, Jacinta Jakovcevic, who briefly 'reprised' her role as WASO Chorus accompanist after a number of years.

Jacinta said: "It was wonderful to host one of Perth's most venerable artistic institutes, the West Australian Symphony Orchestra Chorus here at St Mary's Cathedral.

We often hear the Chorus sing in the Concert Hall with WASO, but to have their sonorous tones resound in the Cathedral, supported by a pipe organ designed as an 'orchestra' capable of producing the variety of colours called for in this piece, was a truly special experience for all of us.

One concert patron commented to me after the concert that it was the first time they had experienced the 'Requiem' in a Church, which made this particular performance all the more meaningful for them", she said.





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9.30am
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5.00pm (Youth Mass)

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Sunday 9.30am



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