

OUR CATHEDRAL

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Today is born our Saviour,

CHRIST THE LORD



Come celebrate Christmas
AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL





A Christmas Message

FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB
Archbishop of Perth



Dear Friends,

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged,
Who are we that you should keep us in mind, mere human beings that you care for us?
(Psalm 8:3-4).

I am always fascinated by television programmes or media stories which focus on the latest discoveries made by astronomers concerning our planet, our solar system, our galaxy and our universe. I am sure many of you are the same. It seems that the more we discover, the more mysterious the universe appears and the more overwhelming its sheer vastness becomes.

Many people find this astounding extent of the universe an obstacle to religious belief and especially belief in the God our Christian faith proclaims. Given the seemingly insignificant place the planet earth has in our milky-way galaxy, and its tiny size in relation to the apparently ever-expanding universe, how can people seriously believe in a God who is supposed to have created all of this, and who is yet so intimately and passionately involved in this one tiny, inconsequential planet?

For us as Christians, of course, our thinking goes in exactly the opposite direction. The very question at the heart of human reflection – *why is there something rather than nothing?* – leads us to the conclusion that only the existence of a creator God, who is infinitely greater than any created thing, no matter how astoundingly vast, complex and beautiful it might be, can account for the universe and our place in it.

We find our hearts in harmony with Saint Paul who says, quite simply, that:

“ever since God created the world his everlasting power and deity – however invisible – have been there for the mind to see in the things God has made” (Romans 1:20).

The vastness and complex beauty of our universe is a reminder to us never to fall into the trap of thinking that we have fully understood God or grasped the depths of the mystery of God’s existence. God will always be greater than we can even begin to understand. We should all stand in awe before this mystery, humbly acknowledging the infinite gap and unfathomable distance between God and ourselves. Who are we, indeed, that God should keep us in mind – that God should care for us?

The extraordinary and overwhelming truth of Christmas, of course, is that not only does God care for us, on our tiny and fragile planet at the end of the universe, but that this care and passionate love has led God to become one of us, in Jesus.

Through the Virgin Mary’s extraordinary openness to God’s mysterious plan, Jesus was born in Bethlehem in poverty, simplicity and obscurity and grew up under an occupying power. He spoke about, and in himself embodied, a God of love far beyond anything that humanity had previously conceived of as possible. He died at the hands of those who in their ignorance, brutality and fear represented us all in our broken sinfulness. And He rose again to a new life which, through the gift of His Holy Spirit at work in the Church, has become our inheritance, His gift to us, as long as we remain united to Him.

No wonder the carols we sing at this time of the year proclaim “*joy to the world*”. No wonder they invite us to ponder the question, “*What child is this who, laid to rest in Mary’s lap, is sleeping*”?

No wonder we sing of the “*star of wonder, star of light, star of royal beauty bright*”. No wonder the Church calls to us saying “*O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant... O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord*”.

Christmas is a time for rejoicing, deeply and sincerely, because of what God has done and continues to do for us in Jesus. And because the joy is so deep, and so renewing, and grounded in something so wonderful, it flows out from us to those we love: to our families, our friends, our colleagues and neighbours and of course, in a special way to all those who are sad, or lonely, or struggling. If God loves us enough to come to us in and through his Son, how can we fail to let this loving God come to those in need through us?

May Christmas bring deep joy and a renewal of faith and trust in God to all who visit St Mary’s Cathedral at this special time... and to all who read through this beautiful magazine.

Happy Christmas to you all.

+Timothy Costelloe SDB

+Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB
Archbishop of Perth

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

Sunday 24th December 2017

6.00pm	Children and Families' Mass
9.00pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
12.00am	Christmas Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Monday 25th December 2017

8.00am	Dawn Mass of the Birth of Jesus
9.30am	Christmas Day Mass
11.00am	Solemn Sung Mass of Christmas
5.00pm	Christmas Evening 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



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Forthcoming activities and events at St Mary’s Cathedral.

DECEMBER		
Friday 8th		Feast Of The Immaculate Conception
Saturday 9th		Pregnancy Assistance Mass
Saturday 9th	4.00pm	Filipino Mass
Sunday 10th	1.00pm	Christmas Community Singing
Tuesday 12th	6.00pm	Notre Dame University Graduation Mass
Friday 15th	8.00pm	Filipino Novena Slmbang Gabi
JANUARY		
Sunday 7th	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplets
Tuesday 30th	4.30pm	Catholic Schools Staff Mass
FEBRUARY		
Sunday 4th	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplets
Saturday 10th	4.00pm	Filipino Mass
Wednesday 14th		Ash Wednesday
Friday 16th	5.30pm	Stations Of The Cross
Thursday 22nd	3.00pm	RCIA – Rite Of Election
MARCH		
Friday 2nd	5.30pm	Stations Of The Cross
Friday 9th	5.30pm	Stations Of The Cross
Saturday 10th	4.00pm	Filipino Mass
Friday 16th	5.30pm	Stations Of The Cross
Friday 23rd	5.30pm	Stations Of The Cross
Sunday 25th		Palm Sunday
Tuesday 27th		Chrism Mass
Thursday 29th		Mass Of The Lords Supper
Friday 30th		Good Friday
Friday 30th	10.00am	Stations Of The Cross
Friday 30th	3.00pm	Solemn Celebration Of The Lords Passion
APRIL		
Sunday 1st		Easter Sunday
Sunday 1st		Divine Mercy Chaplets



A Christmas Message
FROM THE DEAN

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

My Dear People,

Where has the year gone? I know it has been a busy one here at our lovely Cathedral.

Thank you for your ongoing support, prayerful and monetary, for the work of the four priests who serve this remarkable multicultural community. We love meeting visitors from all over Western Australia, Australia and indeed the world. Our Cathedral is a much favoured place to visit by tourists. Every weekend at Masses, we warmly welcome so many guests to our beautiful city, as well as our faithful and faith-filled regular parishioners. Our three young Priests are truly good Messengers of God

I have enjoyed very much my eight years as Dean, and grown to love our Cathedral and our City of Perth. I love the Swan River, to which I walk daily and as I do, I pick up litter and greet the homeless and fellow walkers. A real community grows between us, and for me, it is an apostolate, as few know of my actual work.

The section of the City where St Mary’s Cathedral is located is a very important historical precinct. The Heritage Days this year were very successful, as many people took advantage of our Cathedral Tours, which included our Pro-Cathedral of St. John and the gardens in front of our Residence immediately opposite the Cathedral.

I want to thank all those who help, in so many ways, ‘our’ Cathedral. This includes our Sacristan and his wife, our Acolytes, Special Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, Collectors and Counters. Special thanks to Tammy, our long serving Piety Stall Manager and now Anne Engelbrecht and her many helpers and our ‘Friday Vollies’. I encourage others to volunteer their services and join our Cathedral Family – let’s make 2018 a year of “Volunteering”.

I want to acknowledge and thank our wonderful Cathedral Manager, Tony Meyrick and those who assist him to keep our Cathedral looking as wonderful as it does, and able to serve the needs of the many on a daily basis. I extend my thanks and gratitude to our amazing Director of Music, Jacinta Jakovcevic and the Cathedral Choir for the beautiful music all year. Last but by no means least; I wish to thank my staff at the Cathedral office for their ongoing support and assistance.

In this issue, you will find details of **Christmas Mass Times at St Mary’s Cathedral.**

I extend to you, your family and friends, a warm invitation to join us. It is always such a special time of year and I particularly look forward to celebrating the Children’s Mass on Christmas Eve.

May all of us have a blessed Christmas and may 2018 bring us all Peace, Health and Happiness.

God bless.

Michael Keating

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

PS: As I always include in my messages - PLEASE, remember the Cathedral in your Will.



Hearts

AROUND THE CATHEDRAL

On Saturday 17 June, 2017, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB was joined by enthusiastic student volunteers from a number of secondary schools, together with Cathedral and Catholic Education WA staff, for a very special project



17th June

...in making the choice to reach out and help someone in need, we truly walk in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd".



The 80 eager helpers gathered to spread almost 40,000 paper hearts around the grounds of St Mary's Cathedral. Each heart contained a personal message or drawing from a young student attending one of the 90 Catholic Primary Schools in the Archdiocese of Perth.

The hearts were part of this year's 'Archbishop's LifeLink Day for Catholic Schools Initiative' which involved students from Kindergarten to Year 6, making a gold coin donation to receive a 'paper heart' on which they were encouraged to draw a picture or write a message of support to someone in need in the community.

Their donations help support the social service agencies of the Archdiocese funded through LifeLink.

Archbishop Timothy said the hearts provided a powerful and visual demonstration of what can be achieved when we, as individuals, join together in love and unity.

"We can and do make a real difference in the lives of those who reach out to us for help", Archbishop Costelloe said.

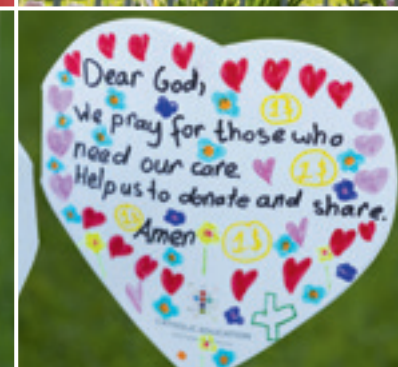
The hearts were brought to the Cathedral in the lead up to the Feast of the Sacred Heart on Friday 23rd June.

"It was wonderful for parishioners and visitors to the Cathedral to take the time to stroll through the hearts and read the beautiful, touching and inspirational messages the young people have written", said the Archbishop.

Whilst sharing morning tea in the Cathedral Parish Centre afterwards, Archbishop Costelloe expressed his 'heartfelt' thanks to those who had given their time to help make the 'Hearts around the Cathedral' such a success.

He said *"It is fundamentally important that we embrace a collective spirit of generosity, or be 'large-hearted' as I like to say, in responding to people in need within the community."*

In doing so, in making the choice to reach out and help someone in need, we truly walk in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd".





Aboriginal elder Therese Walley and her daughter Rose add more leaves to the fire as part of the smoking ceremony for the end of NAIDOC Week Mass. Aboriginal students from Lumen Christi College, Brandon and Thairon Jansen were playing the didgeridoo in the background.

The Mass to mark the end of NAIDOC Week was celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Donald Sproston and concelebrated by Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) Chaplain, Father Joseph Rathnaraj, Father Ray Hevern SAC and Deacon Paul Reid, assisted by Father Conor Steadman and Acolyte, Reg Carnamah, who is a Pastoral Care Assistant with ACM.

Agencies Commissioning Mass

7th
July

On Friday 7 July 2017, St Mary's Cathedral hosted the Archdiocesan Agencies Commissioning Mass celebrated by the Most Rev Donald Sproston, Auxiliary Bishop of Perth and Chairman of LifeLink.

This annual Commissioning Mass was concelebrated with Fathers Gregory Carroll and Philip Perreau, together with Father Conor Steadman, Permanent Deacon Paul Reid and Father Philip Balikuddembe, National Director for Catholic Mission in Uganda.

In welcoming the gathering of more than 100 staff from agencies and organisations across the Archdiocese of Perth, Bishop Sproston thanked all those present for their dedication and commitment to their role.

Included in his Homily, Bishop Sproston said *"Our gathering today in the Cathedral brings together a small representative group of people who are committed to the formation and care of our Catholic people, and many others who have significant needs in our society."*

The various works that we do in the name of the Catholic Church have enormous impacts on those we serve. The members of our agencies are committed to putting the person that comes to us at the centre of our concern. There are many wonderful outcomes that are achieved in the lives of those we serve. In this Mass, let us thank God for these ways in which lives are enhanced and flourish."

Bishop Sproston invited the congregation to pray for that Spirit of Christ to grow strongly within us.

"I thank God for your commitment to be the instruments through which the Lord works to bring so many to fuller and freer lives", he said.

Following the Mass, guests gathered in the Cathedral Parish Centre to enjoy hospitality and a chat.



Cathedral Celebrates NAIDOC Week

9th
July

Celebrations for NAIDOC Week commenced with Aboriginal Sunday on 2 July 2017, with several parishes across the Perth Archdiocese celebrating and acknowledging Aboriginal people and culture throughout their Liturgy.

The Archdiocese of Perth marked the end of NAIDOC Week celebrations with a special Mass held at St Mary's Cathedral, which drew on aspects of Aboriginal culture to highlight the contribution of Indigenous communities to the Catholic Church in Australia.

The Mass was celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Donald Sproston and concelebrated by Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) Chaplain, Father Joseph Rathnaraj, Father Ray Hevern SAC, Father Conor Steadman, Deacon Paul Reid and Acolyte, Reg Carnamah, who is an Aboriginal Pastoral Care Assistant with ACM.

The celebration began with a traditional smoking ceremony at the entrance to the Cathedral, where Aboriginal elder Therese Walley and her daughter Rose welcomed attendees and explained the significance of the tea tree, eucalyptus, peppermint and sandalwood branches that were burned in the ceremony.

In his Homily, Bishop Sproston said St Mary's Cathedral was a fitting place for the Mass, since its congregation included people from around the world, ensuring that Aboriginal people, like others, would be welcome.

"Every effort is made to make St Mary's Cathedral a place of welcome for everyone and the multicultural character of the congregations here bear out the fact that Catholics from many lands have made their spiritual home here."

A message stick is brought to the sanctuary by Juanita Spedding



We hope that all communities will feel welcome here and that the communities of the first people of this land, above all, will feel this welcome too, and see this place as a spiritual home", he said.

The entrance procession included didgeridoos carried by Brandon and Thairon Jansen, together with clapping sticks which were also used in songs throughout the Mass. A message stick was presented for display on the sanctuary by Juanita Spedding to introduce the Liturgy of the Word.

Readings were proclaimed by Diana Alteri from Catholic Education WA (CEWA) and Hayley Lewis, with the responsorial Psalm proclaimed by Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Director, Vicky Burrows. The Prayers of the Faithful were proclaimed by Shirley Quaresimin and her daughter Andrea Lewis, with granddaughter Ayesha Lewis reciting the response in the Noongar language.

After Communion, an Acknowledgement Plaque recognising Aboriginal people was blessed by Bishop Sproston. The plaque will be placed at the entrance to the Cathedral. Similar plaques have been presented to parishes and communities around Perth, including Hilton, Como, Armadale and Gosnells Parish, as well as Sacred Heart College Sorrento and at Melaleuca Women's Prison.



Cathedral Orchestral Mass

TO BE ANNUAL EVENT

23rd
July

More than 70 young Western Australian musicians from various universities and Catholic schools and their teachers, joined our own Cathedral Choir at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 23 July, to form a special orchestra and choir for a Solemn Sung Orchestral Mass.

A new event which will now become an annual occurrence, the Orchestral Mass, draws together young students from schools across Perth and undergraduate students from the University of Western Australia and the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) to form an Orchestra and Choir, together with professional Orchestral players performing alongside the students.

St Mary's Cathedral's Director of Music, Jacinta Jakovcevic, said that the gathering of these talents is a rare and unique opportunity enabling students to play for a Mass as part of an orchestra, and accompanying a choir and congregation.

"The Orchestral Mass is a wonderful 'coming together' of young people, their parents and teachers and utilising their talents (and many hours of practice on their instruments) in the Liturgy, creating a prayerful experience for all of us."

It was also an amazing experience for the students to take part musically in a Solemn Sung Mass from a Liturgical aspect and also to play works that were originally written for the Liturgy, as part of the actual Liturgy", said Jacinta.



Editor's Note

For our readers who are music lovers, the repertoire included Puccini's 'Messa Di Gloria' and Rutter's 'For the Beauty of the Earth'. The Mass opened with a rousing version of 'All Creatures of Our God and King' and closed with the beloved traditional Hymn 'Hail Queen of Heaven' - a special salute to Our Lady - Patroness of our Cathedral.



New Knights and Dames Invested into the Order of the Holy Sepulchre

10th
Aug



The Investiture Mass of Knights and Dames into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem at St Mary's Cathedral was celebrated by the Auxiliary and Patriarchal Vicar for Israel and Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, Bishop Giacinto-Boulos Marcuzzo and concelebrated by Emeritus Archbishop, Barry Hickey.

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Delegated by Grand Master of the Order and Patriarch of Jerusalem, His Eminence, Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, and Apostolic Administrator of Jerusalem, the Most Rev Archbishop Pizzaballa OFM, Bishop Marcuzzo travelled across Australia attending the ceremonies for the Investiture of Knights and Dames into the Order.

The Investiture Mass welcomed three new Knights and two new Dames to the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, together with the promotion of two existing members to higher ranks within the Order.

Bishop Marcuzzo said the mission of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre was to help and protect Christians in the Holy Land. *"The Catholic Church wanted to concretise the responsibility, creating an Order which takes care especially of the Church, schools, priests, the seminary and Sisters of the Holy Land and Associations of the Faithful."*

In the Middle East, unfortunately, almost all the Christians want to emigrate, which would be a catastrophe for the

Holy Land. We want to help Christians stay in the Holy Land and protect the Church in the land of Jesus, as the living witnesses of the Gospel", he said.

In his Homily, Bishop Marcuzzo said to those present that the call to be a Knight or Dame of the Order requires a special commitment.

"The Holy Spirit has called you to have a special style of life and special commitment and to live a life according to a certain spirituality. You are a special kind of Christian. Why? Because you commit yourself to live in the light of the Resurrection and of the Cross of Jerusalem."

It is not only a motto or evangelical expression, but a style of life. What it means is to take care of Jerusalem. We have to save all the people by carrying our own Cross now to participate in the Passion of Jesus Christ", he said.

Newly appointed Knights were:

Michael Buba KHS, Aloysius Gasper KHS and Mr Railton Williams KHS.

Newly appointed Dames were:

Luanna Bong DHS and Jennifer Cornelius DHS

Promoted were:

Derek Peters - Knight to Knight Commander
Anna Wong - Dame to Dame Commander



12th
Aug

Annual Marriage Day Mass A Celebration of...

Love & Faith

At the 2017 Annual Marriage Day Mass held at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 12 August, it was wonderful to see 144 couples join together to celebrate their wedding anniversaries.

All the couples were celebrating a significant anniversary this year - 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and even 70 years. Each received a certificate to commemorate this special milestone in their marriage. The Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB together with priests from the Archdiocese.

Archbishop Costelloe welcomed all the couples to the Saturday service and said that despite the cold weather, he was happy to see so many couples coming together to celebrate the wonderful gift of the Sacrament of Marriage to the Church and society.

Included in his Homily, the Archbishop said:- *"Married people, in and through the power of their love for each other, are meant to be together, for the whole Church, living and powerful reminders of Christ's unbreakable love for and fidelity to each of us individually and to all of us together as his Church."*

At this time in our history, when the very foundations of our understanding of marriage are called into question by so many in our society, the witness of fidelity, of forgiveness, of commitment and re-commitment, which tells the story of the lives of all who are gathered here in the Cathedral this morning, becomes our best and most powerful answer to the challenges Christian marriage is facing.

"Thank you for your presence here today, thank you for your witness and your fidelity, thank you for being a living sign of the unbreakable and unswerving communion between Christ and his Church".

Director of Catholic Marriage & Fertility Services, Mr Derek Boylen, said that the Mass was a time to celebrate the contribution the Sacrament of Marriage makes to the Church, the community and society.

"This year, the combined total years of married life experience comes to about 5,800. A third of them have been married for 50 or more years. Each year this event has grown bigger and bigger and this year, the longest married couple celebrating their love have been married for over 70 years", he said.

Mr Boylen said that the Mass (initially run by the Knights of the Southern Cross and the Australian Family Association) was planned and organised by the Catholic Marriage and Fertility Services, an agency of the Archdiocese of Perth.

"The work of our agency is to support and promote marriage and family life, and I think this is one way as a whole Church and Archdiocesan community, we can really celebrate the sanctity and dignity of marriage", said Derek.



Homage IN THE CITY

A circle of splendour our house of prayer,
The light of our city a-top the hill.
Our Faith and goodwill we seek to share,
In Psalm and Word- and even in being still!

As Family we gather, beneath the spires,
To worship Jesus and honour Mary.
We sing praises aided by a choir,
At Mass, or a prelude to the Rosary.

We witness vows and celebrate christenings,
Sometimes dwell, on the end of a journey.
We observe the true meaning of Christmas,
Adoring Jesus, in joyous ceremony.

The city's commerce and clubs here retreat,
May God, not just mammon shape city streets!

By Roland Fernandez



Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, Emeritus Archbishop Barry Hickey and Monsignor Michael Keating with Perth clergy who completed their training at Redemptoris Mater Seminary Perth.

25th Anniversary

OF THE
REDEMPTORIS MATER SEMINARY
PERTH

14th
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Cantors from the Neocatechumenal Way sing during the Eucharistic celebration.



Redemptoris Mater Seminary Perth Rector, Rev Father Michael Moore SM, speaks about the origins of the Seminary.

On the Vigil Feast of the Assumption, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB joyously celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary Perth with formators and lay faithful from the Neocatechumenal Way Australia.

During his Homily, Archbishop Costelloe said: *“The Redemptoris Mater Seminary Perth has been challenging young men for 25 years to say yes to the call from God, to embrace the call of priesthood in the life of our Church, and to put themselves at the service of God and his people”.*

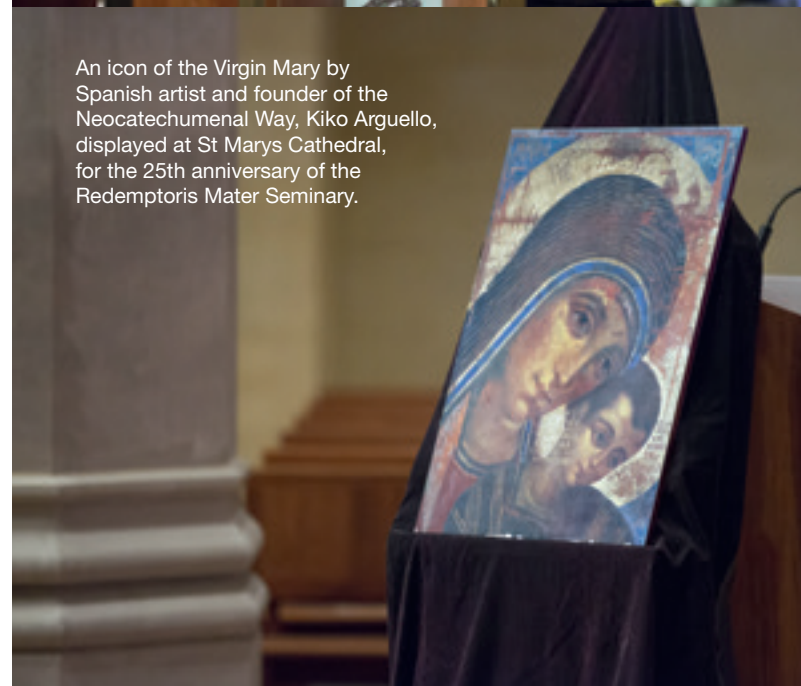
Archbishop Costelloe was joined for the Eucharistic celebration by Emeritus Archbishop Barry Hickey, Cathedral Dean Monsignor Michael Keating, Redemptoris Mater Seminary Rector, Rev Father Michael Moore SM, Neocatechumenal Way Itinerant Catechist, Rev Father Tony Trafford and Deacon Kenneth Acosta.

Several priests and clergy from across Perth were also present for the Mass, many of whom had trained at Perth’s own missionary seminary. Some 450 people from communities of the Neocatechumenal Way in the parishes of the Cathedral, Mirrabooka, Cottesloe, Rockingham and Kelmscott were also present.

At the commencement of the Mass, Itinerant Catechist of the Neocatechumenal Way in Australia, Toto Piccolo, spoke of the work of the Seminary in being a visible sign across Perth in announcing the Good News.



International Responsible for the Neocatechumenal Way in Australia, Toto Piccolo, speaks at the commencement of the Eucharistic celebration.



An icon of the Virgin Mary by Spanish artist and founder of the Neocatechumenal Way, Kiko Arguello, displayed at St Marys Cathedral, for the 25th anniversary of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary.

“This Good News of Jesus Christ which is so important for our generation today. Announcing that it is possible to live in the hope and in the certainty that God loves us”, Mr Piccolo said.

Redemptoris Mater Seminary Rector, Father Michael Moore SM, told the congregation about the initial beginnings of the Seminary, when in 1992, (then) Archbishop Hickey telephoned Mr Piccolo to confirm the Seminary would open. Mr Piccolo and his wife Rita were on a pilgrimage with youth from the Neocatechumenal Way praying the rosary at that exact moment.

“We are so grateful to Emeritus Archbishop Hickey for his foresight and courage, and also to Monsignor Keating who was instrumental in the reopening of the St Charles Seminary.

We are indeed grateful to Archbishop Costelloe, who as a Professor at the University of Notre Dame taught many of the seminarians. He returned to us as Archbishop, and has taken a lot of paternal care of this Seminary and been a great Shepherd to us”, said Father Michael.

Continuing his Homily, Archbishop Costelloe spoke of the encyclical entitled *“Redemptoris Mater”* by now Saint (Pope) John Paul II.

“The Feast of the Assumption is a reminder to us that Mary is the fulfilment, Mary is the completion of the journey that every one of us, as members of the Church, is undertaking.

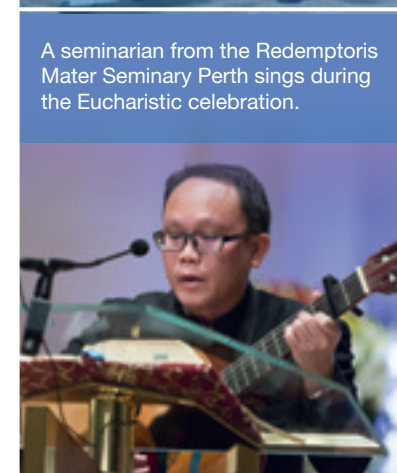
In her we see what we, as the Church, have been called to become”, said Archbishop Costelloe.



Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB with Deacon Kenneth Acosta during the Eucharistic celebration.



International Responsible for the Neocatechumenal Way in Australia, Rita Piccolo, proclaims the First Reading.



A seminarian from the Redemptoris Mater Seminary Perth sings during the Eucharistic celebration.



Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB delivers his Homily.





20th
Aug

First Holy Communion

A group of fifty-three young people from many different schools throughout Perth came together at St Mary's Cathedral for the wonderful celebration of their first Holy Communion on Sunday 20 August.

Monsignor Michal Keating, Dean of St Mary's Cathedral, during his Homily, invited the children to come forward and he spoke to them about the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's appearances in 1917 to the three children of Fatima, Portugal - Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia.

He told them that the first two children died very young, and in May 2017 at Fatima, Pope Francis proclaimed Jacinta and Francisco to be Saints. Monsignor Michael showed the children pictures of Jacinta and Francisco (now Saints).

Monsignor said they were the first children who were non-martyrs to be made Saints in the Church, and he encouraged the children who were making their first Holy Communion today, to be good and become Saints as well.

Monsignor Keating said: *"It was a wonderful ceremony and a really joyous occasion for all concerned. There were lots of group photos and other family photos taken to remember this special moment in the young peoples' lives".*



Ave Maria

RECITAL

Over 100 guests attended the annual recital performance led by organists of St Mary's Cathedral. It was an especially exciting occasion for new Organ Scholar, Morgan May, who played for the very first time.

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

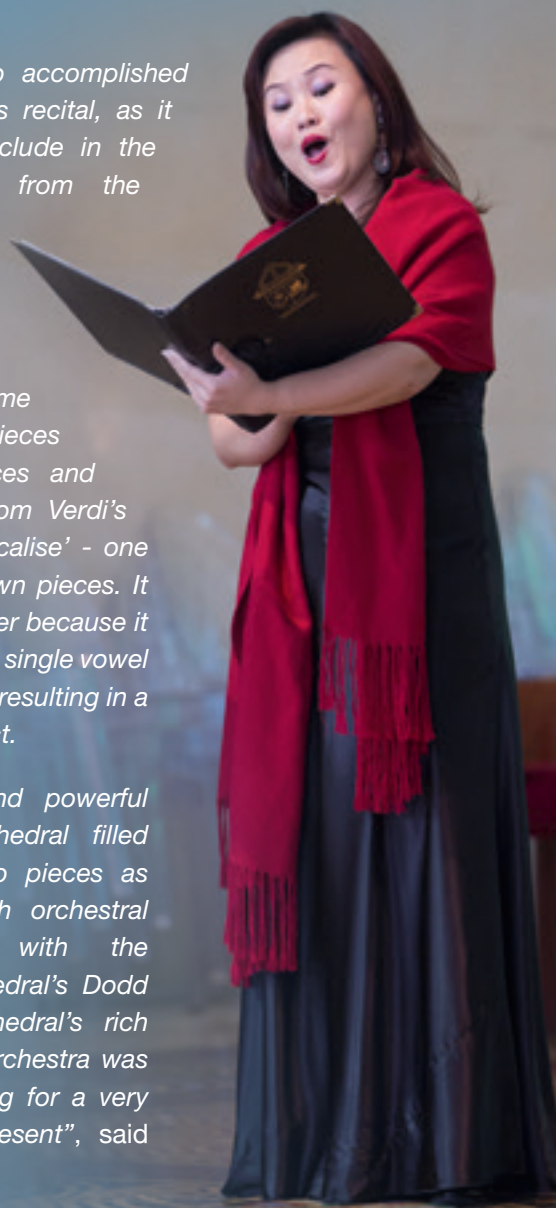
"Our programme this year featured well-known Soprano, Yann Kee, a regular soloist at the Cathedral's concerts and major services, and we were delighted to welcome home Perth Soprano, Katja Webb."

Katja is back in Perth after having studied in London at the National Opera Studio and taking part in performances in London, Germany and Austria. Katja is no stranger to audiences in Perth, taking part in major concerts including performances of the Messiah and major oratorios.

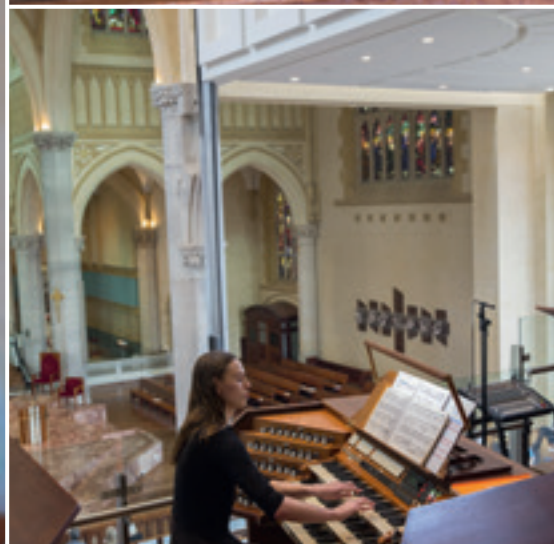
"It was wonderful to have two accomplished sopranos in the line-up for this recital, as it afforded the opportunity to include in the programme some repertoire from the Romantic period of music (19th – early 20th Centuries) which is rarely heard in this setting", said Jacinta.

A highlight of the programme was the performance of two pieces written for solo soprano voices and orchestra – the 'Ave Maria' from Verdi's 'Otello' and Rachmaninov's 'Vocalise' - one of the Rachmaninov's best known pieces. It is considered unusual in character because it has no text - it is purely sung on a single vowel sound; hence its title ('Vocalise') resulting in a very haunting and poignant effect.

"It was really a reflective and powerful experience to have the Cathedral filled with the sounds of these two pieces as they are originally written with orchestral accompaniments. However, with the symphonic nature of the Cathedral's Dodd organ coupled with the Cathedral's rich acoustics, it really felt like an orchestra was playing with the singers, making for a very special effect for everyone present", said Jacinta.



10th
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23rd
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Celebrating the Feast Day of Padre Pio

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

This year, on 23 September 2017, a special Mass was held at St Mary's Cathedral to celebrate the Feast Day of Padre Pio.

Dean of St Mary's Cathedral, Monsignor Michael Keating celebrated the Mass. During his touching Homily, Monsignor shared with the more than 500 faithful present, his personal experience, when in 1965 as a young priest, he received Holy Communion from Padre Pio's stigmatized hands.

Monsignor Keating spoke about Padre Pio's life and teachings for the love of Our Blessed Virgin Mary, his humble ways, and what it means to have a strong living faith.

Patrizia Di Stefano said *"It was truly a special spiritual moment; all faithfuls united reciting significant prayers for our Community and for the Peace of our World. The melodic traditional hymns contributed to the service, creating an angelic atmosphere. After the Mass, St Pio's Prayer Cards with Holy Relic, which had been donated, were distributed to all participants."*

With much honour and deep devotion to St Pio and much gratitude to our Lord, I would like to close my testimony with one of the many beautiful quotes of St Pio: 'I have often raised my hand in the silence of the night and in my solitary cell, blessing you all and presenting you to Jesus and to our father, St Francis of Assisi'".



St Mary's Cathedral welcomed The Relics of Padre Pio in 2016.



Editor's Note

Patrizia is an Event Assistant for St Pio of Pietrelcina, Italy and a Special Minister at St Mary's Cathedral, Perth.



22nd
Sept

Mercedes College CELEBRATES

Mercy Day

For the majority of students at Mercedes College their favourite day of the year is Mercy Day. It is a day of fun and celebration that captures the charism of Mercy.

Mercy Day commemorates the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy because Catherine McAuley, the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, placed her new House of Mercy and her work under the care and protection of Our Lady of Mercy in 1827. This is also a special day for the students to honour the founding Sisters of Mercy, led by Ursula Frayne, who brought their charism and Mercy education to Perth in 1846.

The day began with Mass at St Mary's Cathedral celebrated by Father Brennan Sia. Many students generously volunteered to be involved in the Liturgy through music, Readings, Processions and filming.

Sisters of Mercy were the College's special guests at the Mass and each of the Sisters was presented with a gift to acknowledge their generous service to others. After the Mass, the Sisters and staff gathered in the staffroom for a delightful morning tea.

The rest of the day was taken up with a variety of celebrations including a 'Mercy Fair' to raise money for Mercy Ministries. Each class was responsible for a stall and every student was involved in some way. After a catered lunch, the students gathered in the College Hall for the famous 'Mercy Day Concert'.

The day concluded with the announcement of the 2018 Student Leadership Team and the presentation of a small 'Mercy Day' gift for each student and staff member.



WASO Chorus Performance

Wows at the Cathedral

The West Australian Symphony Orchestra (WASO) was once again warmly welcomed for another brilliant performance at St Mary’s Cathedral, a now annual tradition. As is also becoming the tradition, it was a very wet and wintry day however that did not deter the more than 750 patrons attending this special concert.

The programme featured a challenging repertoire which the WASO Chorus brought to life superbly. A special inclusion was the performance of ‘Lux Aeterna’ of Gyorgy Ligeti (1923-2006), which music or film aficionados will know was featured in the classic soundtrack of the iconic movie - ‘2001: A Space Odyssey’. However, its text comes from the Requiem Mass and translates as ‘May eternal light shine upon them; grant them eternal rest, O Lord.’

Jacinta Jakovcevic, the Cathedral's Director of Music, explained *“This particular piece features special musical effects with the use of cluster chords and micropolyphony creating a truly hushed, ethereal atmosphere. The Chorus sang this piece lined up in a semi-circular formation ‘surrounding’ the audience which gave an effect of live ‘surround-sound’.*

The programme also featured the world premiere of a new work by young local composer, Lachlan Skipworth, who was appointed WASO’s Composer in Residence in 2016”.



24th Sept

Heritage Days

Perth Heritage Days is a free event presented by Heritage Perth in partnership with a range of organisations. The event enables members of the public to engage with Perth’s history and heritage, providing an opportunity for people to explore and enjoy a wide range of heritage-related activities across the city centre.

Last year, more than 43,000 people converged on the streets, parks, historic buildings, museums and libraries of central Perth to participate in a weekend of discovery. St Mary’s Cathedral, a much loved icon in our City was delighted to once again participate this year.

Cathedral Tour Guide, Carol Wright, shares with us her thoughts on the day.

“It was a wonderful sunny day to welcome 102 visitors to our beautiful Pro Cathedral of St John the Evangelist and St Mary’s Cathedral on Perth Heritage Day this year. We ran tours on the hour from 9.00 am till 1.00 pm and for the majority, because of the numbers, we had two guides conducting tours each hour.

Visitors were very appreciative and affirming of the rich history and magnificent beauty of our wonderful Cathedral. The ability to be able to ‘tell the story’ of the Catholic Church from its very beginnings from the arrival of Fr John Brady on the 8th December 1843 to the laying of the Foundation Stone of Pro Cathedral in 1844, made the whole experience a very personal one.

An added bonus was the wonderful organ and trumpet recital organised by the Cathedral’s Director of Music, Jacinta Jakovcevic, who showcased the beauty of our 1910 Dodd organ accompanied by Kirrily Morison on the trumpet. It was well and truly a ‘double treat’ for our visitors.

This year’s involvement in Perth Heritage Day was one of the best ever”, said Carol.



14th Oct

Editor's Note

VALE – Mr JOHN LARNER

Mr John Larner sadly passed away on the 23 October 2017, and at his request, his funeral service was held at St Mary’s Cathedral on Wednesday 1 November, 2017, celebrated by Monsignor Michael Keating.

Mr Larner was the main organ builder in Perth from the 1960s to early 2000s and looked after almost all of the pipe organs in Perth. He lovingly tendered to the maintenance and tuning of the Dodd Organ at St Mary’s Cathedral for 33 years (1973-2006).

Until his retirement a few years ago, Mr Larner built and restored many pipe organs in Perth, including the pipe organ at Mercedes College Chapel (Sisters of Mercy Chapel) in the 1980s and more recently, the pipe organ at Geraldton Cathedral (St Francis Xavier). He carried on the traditions of Mick Dodd (grandson of the J.E Dodd) who held the Dodd ‘branch’ in Perth until his death in 1973.

Mr Larner was passionate about pipe organs and introducing it to young people, so he was part of the process to set up an Organ Scholarship at St Mary’s Cathedral after which the scholarship has been named. It was launched by (Emeritus) Archbishop Barry J Hickey in 2009, in time for the Cathedral’s re-opening following major restoration and completion works. Thus far, the scholarship has produced 3 Organ Scholars.

We extend our deepest condolences to Mr Larner’s family and friends, and express our heartfelt thanks to John for his many years of service and support to St Mary’s Cathedral. His loss will be felt by many, particularly amongst the organ community of Perth... but he will always be remembered here at St Mary’s Cathedral, every time the pipe organ is played.



The Very Rev Fr Peter Whitely VG with members of the Indonesian Catholic Community.

29th
Oct

INDONESIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY PERTH

Celebrating 25 Years of Faith & Culture



Members of the Indonesian Youth Organisation Choir.



More than 250 lay faithful of the Indonesian Catholic Community Perth (ICCP) celebrated the community's 25th anniversary at a special Mass at St Mary's Cathedral.

The Mass was celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop, Don Sproxtton, and concelebrated by the Very Rev Fr Peter Whitely VG, Cathedral Dean, Monsignor Michael Keating, Indonesian Catholic Community Migrant Chaplain, Father Remi Asnabun and Father Hari Suparwito SJ.

Music for the Mass was co-ordinated and performed by the Indonesian Catholic Youth Organisation which also works to promote Indonesian culture and music.

ICCP Executive Committee Vice President, Roy Widjaja, said the occasion was monumental for Indonesians who attended, and a clear sign that God has been present in all that the community has done.

"The ICCP work to build faith and community and the Mass was a significant sign that God really is working to help us. I pray that ICCP will continue to work together and also with other migrant communities, in showing those who have recently arrived in Perth that God is present here", he said.

A member proclaims the Readings during the Mass.



Members bring the gifts during the Offertory Procession.



Mr Widjaja and his wife Elsje, who are from Applecross Parish, explained that the ICCP, which was originally known as the WA Indonesian Catholic Community (WAICC), started in Bateman Parish in 1992.

The idea to form an Indonesian Catholic lay association was initiated by a number of Catholic Indonesians living in Perth at the time. With the help and assistance of the Very Rev Fr Whitely VG, who became the first Indonesian Community Migrant Chaplain and Fr Antonio Paganoni, the ICCP was established.

Mr Widjaja explained that a large part of the ICCP's undertakings involve working to help support and shepherd new Indonesian migrants who arrive in Perth. *"Thanks to the ICCP, I was able to integrate into the community while still also having strong links to my culture", he said.*

Perth Auxiliary Bishop, Don Sproxtton, with members of the Community.



Cathedral Dean, Monsignor Michael Keating, with members of the Indonesian Catholic Community.



CELEBRATING School Graduation MASSES

Editors Note:

St Mary's Cathedral plays an important part in the life of Catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese of Perth. During the month of October, three schools held their Graduation Masses at the Cathedral.

As our photographer was on hand for each event, we thought we'd share some of the photos from each of the beautiful ceremonies for you to enjoy.

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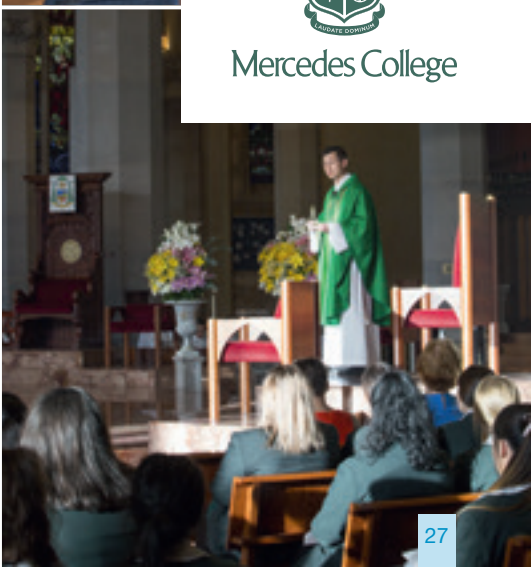
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Archbishop's Liturgical Launch of "Christmas Appeal for LifeLink" for Parish Priests and Appeal Representatives



Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, joined by Auxiliary Bishop Donald Sproxton (Chairman, LifeLink), Rev Fr Peter Whitely VG and Rev Monsignor Michael Keating (Dean, St Mary's Cathedral) warmly welcomed more than 150 parish priests, parish representatives and guests to a special Liturgical Service in support of the Archbishop's annual "Christmas Appeal for LifeLink".



Archbishop Timothy said *"I was so grateful that so many parish priests and parishioners made time to join Bishop Sproxton and I for this pre-launch of my Christmas Appeal for LifeLink"*.

This special service affords Bishop Don and I the opportunity to directly thank all the parish priests and parish representatives for the wonderful support they provide to this appeal each year, and to reflect on the people in need in our community who rely on our LifeLink agencies for help.

It is because of the enthusiasm and direct effort of our wonderful parish priests and appeal reps that my Christmas message is so successfully shared throughout the Archdiocese each year, and people traditionally respond so generously to this important appeal".

This year, LifeLink social service agencies will reach out to assist more than 34,000 Western Australian families and individuals in need. Collectively, our Church agencies will deliver a staggering \$54 million in professional programmes and care throughout the State.

Whilst much of the funding our agencies receive is provided through Government grants and service contracts, we must continue to raise over \$1 million each year just to ensure our agencies continue their mission of care to the community.

"My Christmas Appeal is the only fundraising event conducted in our parishes each year to help financially support the vitally important work of the Church's welfare agencies in this Archdiocese", said Archbishop Costelloe.

I am asking everyone to give generously to my appeal. Please, **help me raise a minimum of \$650,000 for people in need** this Christmas. In doing so, you will be giving far more than your financial support. You will be helping make a difference in the lives of real people, with real needs, right here at home in WA".



The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink will be officially launched in all parishes in the Archdiocese on the weekend of Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 November 2017.

Archbishop Costelloe will personally launch his appeal via pre-recorded messages which parishes will be asked to screen on the weekends of 11/12 November.

The Archbishop said, *"I am asking everyone to give generously to my appeal. Please, help me raise a minimum of \$650,000 for people in need this Christmas. In doing so, you will be giving far more than your financial support. You will be helping make a difference in the lives of real people, with real needs, right here at home in WA"*.

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



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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