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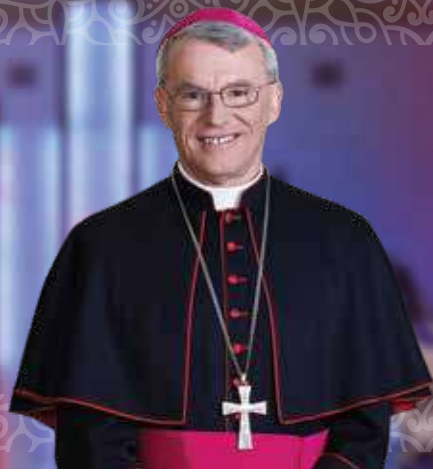
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THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS
IS HERE AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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A Christmas Message

FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB
Archbishop of Perth



Dear Friends,

During the October visit of Prince Harry and his new wife Meghan to Australia, the young couple made a visit to Dubbo in New South Wales. That city, and the surrounding areas, were deep in drought and many people were, and still are, suffering. The visit of the young royal couple proved to be a moment of joy and of hope in the midst of a time of great difficulty and, for some, despair.

One particularly poignant moment, which was captured by the cameras and made headlines around the world, was the encounter between Prince Harry and young Luke Vincent, a five year old boy from the local primary school, who has Down Syndrome. He gave Prince Harry a big hug which Harry warmly reciprocated. Luke then reached out and stroked the Prince's beard which according to Luke's teacher reminded the little boy of Father Christmas, who was Luke's favourite person. The little boy apparently commented later that now he had two favourites: Father Christmas and Prince Harry. He liked them "both the same", he said.



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The caption that accompanied the photograph on the front page of the newspaper said it all: the moment that melted hearts around the world. It was a moment of tenderness, of simple encounter, of self-forgetfulness, of the uninhibited reaching-out of two people to each other. And it "melted people's hearts".

For something to melt it first has to be warmed up. If it is frozen it first has to be thawed out. And this is as true, and even more so, for human hearts as for anything else.

One of the great sadnesses of our time is the evidence we see all around us of frozen hearts. We see it in the heartless violence which is perpetrated on the frail, the vulnerable and the lonely, who are attacked and robbed in their own homes, or while they are quietly going about their business in the streets of our cities and suburbs. We see it in the widespread domestic violence or sexual abuse which goes on behind closed doors. We see it in the callous disregard for the welfare of others which leads people to drive under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, putting innocent lives at risk.



And, if we are honest, we see it too in the ways in which in our own families, communities and circles of friends, we inflict so much suffering on others by the lies we tell, the cruel remarks we make, the walls we build around ourselves, and the countless other ways, big and small, we try to make others feel small, so that we can feel superior to them.

Of course we know that life still remains beautiful and hopeful and that people, including ourselves, are as capable of great goodness, generosity and largeness of heart as we are of the opposite. Our hearts may at times grow cold, but they are still capable of being warmed, and melted, if we can only encounter the generosity and tenderness which was so clearly on display when little Luke Vincent launched himself into Prince Harry's embrace.

The coming of God among us which we celebrate at Christmas is such a moment of encounter with generosity and tenderness. The mighty God, without whom nothing exists and nothing makes sense, steps into our story, our own personal story, in the fragile, helpless son of Mary. In Jesus, who does not come in power and splendour but in simplicity and poverty, God invites us to welcome and embrace his presence in our lives, just as Prince Harry embraced and welcomed the gift of himself that little Luke Vincent offered him.

"Hearts melted around the world" when Harry received with simplicity and large-heartedness the big hug from little Luke. Smiles broke out on the faces of everyone who saw it happen. People went home with their hearts warmed and their spirits lifted. If we can embrace the gift of God's love, compassion and tenderness which God offers us in Jesus then our hearts too will be warmed, our spirits will be lifted, and we will be a source of joy and hope for others, bringing smiles to their faces and peace in their hearts.

What better Christmas gift could we offer to those we love than this?

To all of you who are a part of our Cathedral community, and to all of you who pick up this magazine, I wish you and your loved ones a very happy and holy Christmas, and a peaceful start to 2019.

+ Timothy Costelloe SDB

+Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB
Archbishop of Perth

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

Monday 24th December 2018

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

Christmas Day

Tuesday 25th December 2018

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, Perth (Corner of West Parade)



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Forthcoming activities and events at St Mary's Cathedral.

DECEMBER

Fri 7th	7.30pm	Ordination to the diaconate
Sat 8th	4pm	Monthly Filipino Mass
	5.15pm	Filipino Fundraising dinner
Sun 9th	2pm	Community Christmas Singing
Tue 11th	7pm	Notre Dame Graduation Mass

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JANUARY

Sun 6th	3pm	Divine Mercy Adoration
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FEBRUARY

Fri 1st	4.30pm	Catholic Education WA (CEWA) Commissioning Mass
Sat 2nd	3pm	Divine Mercy Adoration
Sun 10th	2pm	Cathedral Concert

MARCH

Sun 3rd	3pm	Divine Mercy Adoration
Thu 14th	7.30pm	Rite of Election



A Warm Welcome

FROM THE DEAN

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



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are fast approaching the feasts of Christmas. I hope that during this Advent you will have the opportunity to pause – if only briefly – and reflect on the mystery of God's love for us becoming flesh in the babe who was born at Bethlehem.

Whether you participate regularly at Sunday Mass or just on occasions, I know you will find a warm welcome from the Cathedral and our sister parishes in the Archdiocese this Christmastide. Take a look at the Cathedral's Christmas schedule. Come experience Carols in the Cathedral at night on the eve of Christmas and participate in the midnight Mass or one of the other Christmas Masses.

The love of God for us, which is beyond our imagining, is present to us and sustains us in every moment. It takes flesh for us in the love and support of people who choose to make themselves our neighbour as the Good Samaritan made himself a neighbour to the man in need. In this issue of the magazine we want to celebrate the many volunteers and workers who help make the Cathedral the community it is. The priests of the Cathedral are indeed so grateful to them for their work and their ministry.

The welcome the Cathedral community extends to visitors is a witness to the hospitality which has marked Christian life and witness from the beginning of our story. Christ asks it of us; his family he needed it early in their life together. Matthew's Gospel tells us that shortly after the birth of Jesus, the Holy Family became asylum-seekers in Egypt. Pope Francis reflected on this last Christmas:



*So many other footsteps are hidden in the footsteps of Joseph and Mary.
We see the tracks of entire families forced to set out in our own day.
We see the tracks of millions of persons who do not choose to go away but,
driven from their land, leave behind their dear ones.
Mary and Joseph, for whom there was no room, are the first to embrace the One
who comes to give all of us our document of citizenship.
The One who in His poverty and humility proclaims and shows that true power and
authentic freedom are shown in honouring and assisting the weak and the frail.
May our political leaders and we know how to show 'true power and authentic freedom'.*

In parish nativity plays over the years, I have seen many children dressed up as shepherds, but in Jesus' time shepherds were people from the margins, considered ritually unclean by the religious authorities of their time. In the words of our Pope,

*They were men and women to be kept at a distance, to be feared.
They were considered pagans among the believers, sinners among the just,
foreigners among the citizens.
Yet to them – pagans, sinners and foreigners – the angel says:
"Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for the people:
to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord".*

(Lk 2:10-11).

There is no need to be embarrassed by the recognition that we belong with the shepherds - 'pagans among the believers, sinners among the just, foreigners among the citizens' – for then truly the angel's words are addressed to us: 'To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.'

The priests of the Cathedral hope your loved ones and you have a merry Christmas.

I remain, your brother in Christ,

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

IN GOD'S SERVICE: SPECIAL PROFILE:



EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION:

Tony Meyrick, our Cathedral Supervisor, is well known to many of us. He and his wife Sue have been integral to the life of the Cathedral for the past eight years. However many parishioners and visitors to St Mary's Cathedral may not have had the good fortune of meeting Tony personally.

I decided to rectify this by sitting down with Tony, my valued friend and colleague, for a well-deserved chat, and asking a dozen questions I've always wanted to ask.

1. When did you commence working at the Cathedral and what was your background?

I started work in February 2010 just after the Cathedral's magnificent restoration and reopening. I was always in IT, accounting software actually, and my wife Sue and I had a company which we sold in 2004. I was asked to stay on by the new owners for three months, which turned into almost six years. So at the end of 2009, I thought "that's it, I'm done; time to start the next chapter of our lives".

2. So how did you become our much loved Cathedral Supervisor?

I was at Mass at St Mary's Leederville, our (then) local parish, and saw a notice in the Bulletin advertising the position. I thought to myself "I could do that, so here we go. We're off on an adventure". Sue and I moved into the Supervisor's Apartment here at Cathedral House, and we've loved every minute of the past (almost) nine years.

3. So a big change from running an IT company to caring for our Cathedral. What was it like?

It was an enormous change. The two things that stood out for me were that, overwhelmingly, you work with really good people, and by good, I don't mean in a competence sense – they are really good people in the human sense of that word, you know? The second thing was that I was learning truckloads every day, about building management, people management, scheduling – coming to grips with the incredible life the Cathedral plays each and every day.

4. So for people who don't know, what does the Cathedral Supervisor do...and we've only got an hour to chat so keep this brief (laughs)?

I guess like every role for those of us working for the Church, the role continually expands. We do what's needed, when it's needed. Essentially, my role is about building management.

The best way I can describe it is that if it's not to do with Liturgy, and not to do with Music, then it's up to me. Everything from organising the volunteers to making sure maintenance is kept up and of course making sure the Cathedral functions and facilitates all the needs of those who visit us – for Masses, Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms, Meetings, Functions, welcoming local, interstate and overseas visitors, patients from the hospital taking respite in our gardens.

I also take care of Cathedral House, the Pro Cathedral, and the Mass Centres - St Francis Xavier in Perth and St Catherine Laboure in Subiaco.

5. It's a big job, how do you manage it all?

I don't do this alone (smiles). I am supported by my Assistant, Subi, and of course Phil the wonder gardener. The Cathedral is a community which functions thanks to all the wonderful volunteers, approximately 120 people. They do the cleaning, the flowers, run the Piety stall, they are the liturgical volunteers such as the Readers, Collectors and assistants for each Mass. It takes a village to run the Cathedral.



Fr Sean and the Cathedral priests warmly welcomed volunteers for a special afternoon tea on Saturday 3 November 2018. The afternoon tea was an opportunity for the Dean to express his thanks and appreciation to all for their support.

TONY MEYRICK, CATHEDRAL SUPERVISOR



6. Do you think people would be surprised by what happens at the Cathedral each week?

I think many parishioners who only attend Mass on a Sunday might be surprised. I reckon those who attend the 8.00am Mass each week, wouldn't know that the 11.00am Mass is always filled to capacity...and then some. Just last weekend for example, on Saturday morning we had a Marriage Day Mass, on Sunday there was a Diversity & Inclusion Mass, all the regular Masses plus two weddings and four baptisms.

Yes, and then there are all the meetings, the functions, the dignitaries who visit, the schools which visit or have special Masses here, the Concerts, the Art performances and Heritage Day etc.

Yes, it is a place of the people for sure.

7. What has been the best part of your years of service thus far?

Look, for Sue and I – and I include my wife Sue because she plays a huge volunteer role here and supports me in every way in my role; we are a team – it has to be working with the good people. They take such joy in working for God and living their faith and we get so much from being part of that.

8. What is the biggest challenge you face?

The biggest challenges are ahead of us. There are two main challenges ahead.

1. The cost of maintenance. You know we have had a good run, but our Cathedral is now ten years since its major restoration and completion, and it is vitally important we ensure we maintain that which has been worked so hard for by so many. Just this week I received a report that confirmed there are 15 separate leaks in the roof and in a very inaccessible part of the roof too. You know, they are not big, but they must be attended to and this will involve scaffolding which is not inexpensive.
2. The other is the changing social environment in and around the Cathedral. We have greatly increased instances of people affected by drugs or with serious mental health issues causing grief for our staff, volunteers and or worshippers. Threats of violence or physical altercations are on the rise.

There are increased instances of theft or alleged theft. We have a duty of care to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone who visits our Cathedral. An unfortunate but necessary impact of this has been that like other Cathedral's around the country, we will soon be engaging professional security services to protect the Cathedral, and those who visit here. This comes at a significant cost, but a necessary one as I said.

9. I know you had a very special relationship with the former Dean, Monsignor Michael Keating?

Look, he was terrific. He played to his strengths, which was all about building a thriving community, and allowing me, and others, to do what we do with his every confidence. Monsignor was a decisive decision maker and this allowed us to function in a very professional and effective way.

He made the Cathedral a place with a team of really good people. His real strength was as a Pastor.

After all the Masses, greeting people as they arrived, saying farewell as they left, he would still take time to tend to someone in need. He had this innate sense of when someone needed some support.

He would spot someone sitting alone, and you would see him go to that person and chat quietly with them for as long as they needed. He was a tremendous man and a great friend to Sue and me ... and remains so.

10. And now we have the equally wonderful Father Sean as Dean. How have you found the transition?

It hasn't been that long yet but I have to say, I am very happy. He is also very pastoral and a really good man. Fr Sean is extremely tech savvy and there are many tasks which he has taken on board for which I'm very grateful. We are fortunate to have Fr Sean to lead us, and I am very much looking forward to working with and for him into the future.

The Cathedral is a community which functions thanks to all the wonderful volunteers... It takes a village to run the Cathedral.

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11. If I could grant you one wish, irrespective of cost, what might that be?

It's time that we have a detailed master maintenance plan and it's something I am, have, already been working on. We have the plan, now we just need to ensure that we find the time, the resources and the will to successfully implement it. This means that when painting needs to be done, it is done.

We ensure the roof is professionally checked at least twice a year. That we make sure our beautiful Cathedral is maintained and available in its current condition for future generations to enjoy.

We, all of us, have a responsibility to ensure that St Mary's Cathedral continues to be the much loved icon of our City that it is. This will require the ongoing and generous support of parishioners, visitors and supporters into the future. We cannot assume that the 2007-2009 restoration was the end of the journey for our fundraising efforts.

It was a magnificent beginning which has given us the Cathedral we have today, but we must maintain our commitment and our efforts into the future.

12. You and Sue live in the apartment here at what we lovingly refer to as 'The Palace'. What's it like living in the City?

We absolutely love it. There's vibrancy about the city. There is easy access to grocery stores, medical practitioners, shopping and entertainment. We have a huge choice of cafes and restaurants. Being within walking distance to the Perth Arena and Perth Stadium is fantastic, and for every other major event or venue outside the city, public transport starts from here in the city. There's such a diverse mix of people – business people, shoppers, tourists. We have always lived 'close to the action' of inner city living, it's what Sue and I both enjoy.

I have to say that when our time here at the Cathedral comes to an end, we'll probably look at continuing to live here in the City area.



AT THE VERY HEART OF OUR CATHEDRAL

EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION:

We take a few moments to chat with two of the many wonderful volunteers who literally are the beating heart of St Mary's Cathedral. Without volunteers like Sandy Toop and Anne Engelbrecht, our Cathedral would simply not be the special place it is.

Anne Engelbrecht said *"I have been the Safeguarding Officer here at St Mary's Cathedral since 2015, and this year I took over as Manager of the Piety Stall when Tammy (the former Manager) left. We have 29 volunteers who generously give of their time to help at the Piety Stall, which is open Monday – Friday from 8.30am – 4.00pm, and after Masses on the weekend."*

"Our volunteers are a wonderful bunch of people. We have students to retirees who give a little of their time each week, and we are very grateful that they do. They always respond when I send out an urgent message to replace someone who has called in sick or is away on holiday".

When asked why she volunteers and what she gets out of it, Anne explained *"For me, it's about giving back to the Cathedral, and to God. Volunteering helps keep my mind active, as I recently retired as Nurse Manger at a Nursing Home. The thing I love most is meeting all the tourists who visit our beautiful Cathedral from around Australia and the world. In the afternoons, it can be quite busy as many tourists staying in local hotels take the walk up the hill to enjoy St Mary's Cathedral"*, she said.



Anne Engelbrecht



Sandy Toop

Sandy Toop may potentially lay claim to being one of our longest serving volunteers. *"The Cathedral was one of the first things I saw when we arrived in Perth from Ireland over 38 years ago. We were staying at a place just down the road, and when I saw the Church I thought, "Oh good, I'll go to Mass there on Sunday" ... and I've been coming ever since"*, she said.

Sandy and a small but loyal crew of volunteers undertake the cleaning of the Cathedral each Friday morning. Sandy tells us *"we have between 3 and 10 volunteers who help clean the Altars, the sanctuary and really anything that needs doing around the Cathedral. We also clean the Pro Cathedral and occasionally help sweep the verandas at the Presbytery"*.

We ask Sandy what has been the most memorable change she has seen at the Cathedral over the past 38 years. *"It has to be the restoration of our Cathedral. It was falling apart – literally. It was run down and always very dark and cold. Now it's big and bright and new. It's beautiful"*, she said.

We also asked Sandy why she volunteers and what she gets out of it personally. She responded *"You do it for the Lord, don't you. I get a great sense of achievement in giving and not expecting anything in return. It's also good fun. We (the volunteers) have a good laugh and share a cup of tea after the work is done"*.

Sandy also added *"I'll tell you something else, the music at the 11am Mass on Sunday is truly brilliant. My husband and I went all around Europe last year, and we never heard a choir like the one we have here at our Cathedral"*.

Editor's note: Sandy's father, Tom Mahady, faithfully served as Sacristan at St Mary's for over twenty years. Our best wishes go out to you Tom.

If you have an hour or two or more to spare and would like information on how you can join the wonderful volunteers at St Mary's Cathedral, please contact:

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Celebrating NAIDOC WEEK

To celebrate the conclusion of National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders (NATSIC) Week 2018, the Australian Aboriginal community joined together for a special Mass at St Mary's Cathedral.

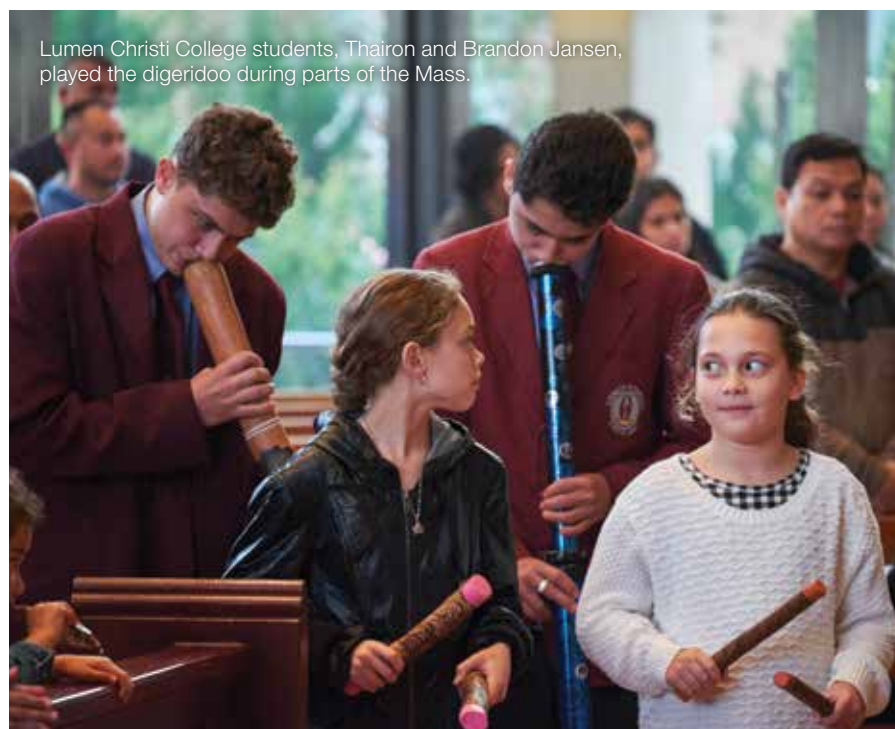
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The festivities, organised by the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM), began with a traditional "Welcome to Country" and smoking ceremony in the Cathedral forecourt, led by Elders, Therese Walley and Ben Taylor.

The Mass, celebrated by Emeritus Archbishop Barry Hickey, began with the entrance hymn "The Lord is my Shepherd" followed by a Blessing and sprinkling of Holy Water, accompanied by the sounds of a didgeridoo played by Gosnells Lumen Christi College students, Thairon and Brandon Jansen.

In his Homily, Emeritus Archbishop Hickey addressed the hardships and political struggles that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have endured in finding their place in society.

He spoke about the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians, when St Paul pleaded that all the different nations be one in Christ, adding that "Jesus had many occasions prayed about all His people coming together as one, taking for instance, at the Last Supper, when Jesus broke the bread and invited His disciples to be one with Christ".



Lumen Christi College students, Thairon and Brandon Jansen, played the didgeridoo during parts of the Mass.

"The inclusion of diversity is part of the Church, and they are included in the one family of God – this is a reality we need to promote and make even more real than it is today" he said.

ACM Director Vicky Burrows thanked the congregation for their support and said she was pleased with the turnout this year. Ms Burrows said she hopes more people will be inspired to attend in the coming years.

"The theme this year is a tribute to the women of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who play an important role as caregivers and leaders is their families and of their communities. Above all, we also give thanks to Mother Mary, and recognise her strength and courage as the mother of Christ", said Ms Burrows.



CATHOLIC PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

The Catholic Performing Arts Festival, organised by the Catholic Arts Office, celebrates the talents of students from Catholic schools throughout Western Australia.

24th
July

Now in its 29th year, this year's Festival performances included students from as far away as Broome (St Mary's College) who took part in the dance section.

The Catholic Performing Arts Festival (CPAF) provides a rich platform for the various artistic expressions of the young people including dance, drama, instrumental and choral performances.

The Festival takes place in various venues across Perth and runs over several weeks from July to early September. Since 2017, the Sacred Choral section of the festival has been enthusiastically hosted at St Mary's Cathedral – a most fitting setting for this event.

St Mary's Cathedral's Director of Music, Jacinta Jakovcevic, said: *"This year, 10 choirs from 5 schools singing works ranging from Mozart's 'Lacrimosa' to some 21st century unaccompanied settings of movements of the Mass (Sanctus and Agnus Dei).*

The schools which took part in this section were Trinity College, La Salle College, Lumen Christi College, Sacred Heart College and Mercedes College. More than 400 supportive parents and staff members of the various schools were in attendance, and it was a wonderful evening.

I've been involved in the Festival for many years as an accompanist for the various sections (instrumental performance, choral) and accompanied numerous young students in their endeavours. It's a great joy for me personally having the Festival here at the Cathedral", said Jacinta.





ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCIES *Commissioning Mass*

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB warmly welcomed staff from across the Archdiocese to his Annual Agencies Commissioning Mass held at St Mary's Cathedral in July 2018.

26th
July

Archbishop Costelloe was joined by concelebrants:- Fr Richard Smith, Fr Greg Carroll, Fr Sean Fernandez, Monsignor Michael Keating, Monsignor Brian O'Loughlin, Fr Manoel Lopes-Borges, Fr Nino Vinciguerra and Fr Conor Steadman. Director of the WA Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office Deacon Greg Lowe served as Deacon.

Archbishop Timothy expressed his thanks and gratitude to the more than 100 staff members from our Archdiocesan agencies and organisations for their dedication and commitment to their roles.

He encouraged them to 'Listen with the ears of your heart'. *"The words which we find on the front cover of today's Mass booklet - understand with your heart, listen with your ears - which we have just heard in the Gospel reading, bring to my mind the opening words of the Rule of Saint Benedict.*

"We must turn our ear to the Lord's words and keep them within our hearts for they are life and health to those who find them. We must give careful thought to the paths we choose to follow, let our eyes look straight ahead, and above all else guard our hearts, for everything we do will flow from there.

And in all things, in order to make sure that our witness does not prove to be hopelessly inadequate, as it has been so often in the past, we must contemplate the face of Christ, for without Him we can do and be nothing", said Archbishop Costelloe.

Following the Mass, guests gathered in the Cathedral Parish Centre to enjoy hospitality and the rare chance to catch-up.



(L-R) Archdiocesan IT Manager, Mr Loc Ha; Mr Greg Russo, CEO, Archdiocese of Perth, Fr Sean Fernandez, Cathedral Dean, and Ms Vicky Burrows, Director, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry together at the luncheon following the annual Agency Commissioning Mass.



Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB pictured with Catholic Aboriginal Ministry representatives – Donna Ryder, Pastoral Assistant & Ministry Officer and Reg Carnamah, Pastoral Assistant.

Archbishop Costelloe SDB at the launch of the new Constitution for Parish Pastoral Councils on 31 July.



Vincent Haber, Acting Director of Catholic Youth Ministry, lights the candles.



Archbishop Launches New Constitution for Parishes

31st
July

The need for parishes and agencies to work together harmoniously was the focal message at the launch of the revised Constitution for Parish Pastoral Councils in July.

More than 200 representatives from 70 Archdiocesan Parishes accepted Archbishop Timothy Costelloe's and Bishop Don Sproxton's invitation to attend this special launch at St Mary's Cathedral.

Archbishop Costelloe said *"At the heart of the Archdiocesan Plan, is our conviction that we – as a community of Christ's disciples – are a people who seek to walk together in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd."*

I invite you all to turn your eyes to Christ, to fix your gaze firmly on Him, and to allow Him to be in reality what we so often proclaim Him to be in our liturgies. The Way we are determined to follow, the Truth to which we are determined to be faithful, and the Life which we seek to live every day", he said.

Auxiliary Bishop Donald Sproxton, Vicar for Adult Faith Formation and Parish Renewal, said the Archdiocese of Perth now has an innovative initiative for parish renewal that provides flexible direction. *"It is an initiative that works. We have two groups of parishes, one hub south of the river and one hub north. Both for some time now have been seeing for themselves the benefits of collaboration",* Bishop Sproxton explained. *"Each parish is a legal entity. In Canon Law it is a juridic person, it has certain independence. At the same time, however, it is it part of a diocese".*

Bishop Sproxton gave the analogy of each parish serving its purpose like a branch of "the one vine", giving a reminder that Catholics are called to be helpful and supportive neighbours to each other. *"This new initiative takes seriously that in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd, we indeed do walk together as an Archdiocese. Parishes and agencies working together".*

Rev Father Nino Vinciguerra, Coordinator for Strengthening and Revitalising Parishes, said *"There has been a positive response from both clergy and laity to the presentation on the e-handbook. These documents are fundamentally inspired by the theology of communio, the central theology of Vatican II".*

Extensive resources will accompany the constitution on a dedicated website for parish renewal, which will be launched later this year.

Rev Father Nino Vinciguerra,
Coordinator, Strengthening and
Revitalising Parishes





Deacon Greg Lowe and the Dean of the Cathedral, Fr Sean Fernandez, exchange the sign of peace



Cathedral parish parishioners exchange peace during the Mass



WACMRO Office Manager, Grace Kurniawan, Deacon Gregory Lowe and Cathedral Dean, Rev Dr Sean Fernandez at the morning tea after the Migrant & Refugee Mass



Migrants and Refugees Mass

26th Aug

Numerous parishes across the Archdiocese of Perth paid homage to their respective multi-cultural congregations on World Migrant and Refugee Sunday.

The annual celebration – this year celebrated on 26 August – saw parishioners donning their national clothing, as well as colours that represented the flags of their countries of origin.

Rev Dr Sean Fernandez, Dean, celebrated the Migrant and Refugee Mass assisted by Deacon Gregory Lowe, Director, West Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office.

On a brisk morning that coincided with the ever-popular City to Surf event, Deacon Lowe related the event to the Gospel reading of the day, John 6:60-69 - *"The City to Surf has a definite route and a final destination, and the participants commit themselves not only to the journey but also to the finish point. Likewise, our spiritual pathway calls us to focus on Christ who is both the way and the end point for our lives."*

We commit to following Christ's way – His mind and His heart – in our thoughts, words and deeds. And on this world day of migrants and refugees, this means being generous enough to meet Him in everyone we encounter, no matter who they are for this is a sure sign of Christian love", he said.

Deacon Lowe used the analogy that the Christian life of holiness, like the City to Surf, requires effort.

"We do this by recognising our limitations and our weaknesses before Christ and, in doing so, we are more ready to accept people just as they are no matter where they are from. For persistence in seeking Christ's aid for ourselves and those around us is Christian faith indeed."

Notice that upon finishing the City to Surf, many a participant wears a smile, even as they stop to catch their breath. For us, this means knowing that following Christ is worth it to the end, and our joy is to catch our spiritual breath, often through prayer, knowing that it is the grace of Christ which alone enables us to remain generous, accepting and open to those around us no matter what language they speak – for our belief in the risen Christ and his grace is the great Christian hope", said Deacon Lowe

Following the Mass, the more than 200 attendees enjoyed a delicious morning tea in the Cathedral Parish Centre, generously provided by the West Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office.



26th
Aug

It was certainly a joy-filled day, with the Cathedral filled to capacity. The children worked very hard preparing both spiritually and academically for receiving Jesus in Holy Communion for the very first time.

The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Jeffrey Casabuena, and was concelebrated by Very Rev Dr Sean Fernandez, Dean of the Cathedral. During his homily, Fr. Jeffrey emphasised the importance of the celebration that day, as well as the joy, which should fill our hearts as we welcome Jesus into our lives in such a new and profound way.

Fr. Jeffrey's homily echoed the words of Pope Francis a few years ago. At a visit to a parish in Rome, he recalled very beautifully his own First Communion, 70 years earlier. He said that he remembered the occasion *"as if it were today"*. The Holy Father went on to say, *"You, who will make your First Communion, will always remember that day your whole life: the first day that Jesus came in to us. He comes, makes himself one with us, makes himself our food, our nourishment to give us strength"*.

Such important words for each one of us to reflect upon, as Fr. Jeffery encouraged each member of the parish to remember and thank God for their own First Holy Communion.





US CARDINAL INVESTS NEW KNIGHTS AND DAMES OF THE EQUESTRIAN ORDER

His Eminence, Cardinal Edwin Frederick O'Brien, Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, made a rare appearance in Perth to invest 10 new members into the Order.

2nd
Sept

Cardinal O'Brien presided over the Investiture Ceremony and Mass at St Mary's Cathedral. In his homily, the former Archbishop of Baltimore reminded the Knights and Dames of the role which they should play in the Order. *"How many members of our Order have flocked to pilgrimage to Jerusalem under the banner of the risen Christ before the Holy Sepulchre?"* he asked the congregation.

"I know that most of you have done so over recent years, and all of today's investees will continue to do so for years ahead. Yes, pilgrimage offers us beautiful blessings, but also gives us the opportunity to give prayer of thanks for the roots of our faith in Jerusalem. Roots so richly planted in the sacred soil of the Holy Sepulchre. May Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, be the centre of your life and each of your personal projects", he said.

Lieutenant Jack Gardner KC*HS said *"the prerequisites required for candidates to be considered to join the Equestrian Order are simple: be faithful and active Catholics. We encourage our members to make pilgrimage to the Holy Sepulchre as opposed to just the Holy Land.*





Sponsor Rev Fr Don Kettle -KHS, with new Chaplain Knights - Mariusz Grzech and Conor Steadman



Clifford Holloway KGCHS, OAM receiving the special 'Palm of Jerusalem' honour.



It was a great honour to have the Grand Master himself, the representative of the Pope, with us for this occasion”, he said.

Newly elected members to the Order included Archdiocese of Perth priests, Rev Fr Conor Steadman and Rev Fr Mariusz Grzech. The Grand Master knighted Western Australians - Giles D'Abreo, Alan Buckley, and vested Dame Tina D'Orsogna; along with Diocese of Penang members - Andre TC Eu, Juliana HL Liew, Grace CY Low, and Cecilia LC See. Promotions were handed to Roland Alexander, Sean Fox-Slater, John Pintabona, Kevin Susai and Rosa Tognela.

A special 'Palm of Jerusalem' honour was conferred to Clifford Holloway KGCHS, OAM – who is only the second person in Australia to receive this prestigious honour, the other being Archbishop Emeritus Barry Hickey. Mr Holloway started the Order in WA as a section of England Lieutenancy; he was the first Australian Lieutenant in 1985.

Editor's Note: The investitures of new Knights in Jerusalem continued to be awarded by the Franciscan Custos of the Holy Land until 1847, when Pope Pius IX reconstituted the Latin Patriarchate and entrusted the Order with the task of supporting it. St Pius X was the first Grand Master of the Order, which since 1947 has always been led by a Cardinal.

On 3 August 2018, the Order of the Holy Sepulchre celebrated 130 years of women's presence in the Order. During which Dames have contributed as an active part of the life of the Pontifical Institution – which is mainly comprised of lay faithful – and in current times represent one-third of the Order's membership.



The musical line-up for this year's Ave Maria recital
(L-H) Alessio Loiacono, Pia Schelfhout, Morgan May,
Jacinta Jakovcevic, Emma Oorschot and Katja Webb.

Ave Maria Recital

9th
Sept

Director of Cathedral Music, Jacinta Jakovcevic, said *"More than 200 people attended the Cathedral's annual recital in honour of Our Lady's birthday on 9 September."*

This year, we featured the usual delectable musical fare including solos from our Cathedral organists, and vocal items sung by well-known Perth soprano, Katja Webb, and our very own Cantor, Emma Oorschot.

The recital culminated, as has become the tradition, with Schubert's beloved 'Ave Maria'.

The audience always marvels at the acoustic presentation of this piece which involved both Cathedral pipe organs and 2 soloists - each singing from either end of the Cathedral. It results in a beautifully ethereal, stereophonic effect in the building", said Ms Jakovcevic.



Katja Webb and Emma Oorschot sing in duet



Director of Cathedral Music, Jacinta Jakovcevic



Church agency representatives gathered at the St Mary's Cathedral on 12 September for the Perth Catholic Interagency Mission Network Mass.



Bishop Sproxton thanked those present for contributing their time, skills and talents in working together to build the body of Christ.

Interagency Mission Network Mass

12th
Sept

Auxiliary Bishop Donald Sproxton welcomed approximately 30 Church agency staff representatives to the Perth Catholic Interagency Mission Network Mass at St Mary's Cathedral during September.

The purpose of the celebration was to recognise the various roles that promote the Catholic identity within Archdiocesan organisations in the Archdiocese, and to strengthen the relationship between the agencies. The Mass commenced with the entrance Hymn, 'All the Earth Proclaim the Lord' led by Cathedral Director of Music, Jacinta Jakovcevic and Chorister, Emma Oorschot.

Bishop Sproxton began his Homily by thanking those present for contributing their time, skills and talents in working together to build the body of Christ.

"Agencies are the hands and feet of the Archbishop" said Bishop Sproxton

"The different Church agencies of the Archdiocese play the important role as the hands and feet of the Archbishop. You work in his name, and you work in places Archbishop Timothy cannot be physically - contributing your skills and talents to assist in his mission for the Church."

"We've come a long way. It is very important for us as we celebrate this Mass to realise that we are all parts of the body of Christ, we make up the Church together - recognising that, each of us has a different role to perform. Because Christ is the source and the centre of everything that we do and all that we have, we need to remember that it is through the relationship each of us has with Christ personally, that reflects on the relationship we have with one another", said Bishop Don.

The Mass was followed by a light dinner at the Cathedral Parish Centre.



Chorister Emma Oorschot, and Cathedral Director of Music, Jacinta Jakovcevic, led the music at the Mass.

Bishop Sproxton lights the conference candle.

Dennis Yarrington, President of the Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA) addressing the congregation

AUSTRALIAN PRIMARY PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION *Service*

19th
Sept

Principals from across the nation gathered at Perth Crown Complex for the annual Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA) National Conference from 17 to 21 September.

The theme for the conference – **“Inspire, Engage Visionary Leadership”** – offered a packed program comprising of meetings, forums, talks by notable guest speakers, activities and appearances by students and religious leaders.

On 19 September, approximately 150 principals gathered at St Mary’s Cathedral for a special Ecumenical Service led by Auxiliary Bishop Donald Sproxton, Bishop Kate Wilmot from the Anglican Diocese of Perth and Reverend Steve Francis from the Uniting Church Synod of WA.

Conference participant Deacon Mark Powell, Principal of Matthew Gibney Catholic Primary School, said the conference was a great way to celebrate the Catholic school system and serve as a reminder of his purpose as an educator.

Deacon Powell added *“The Ecumenical service was an opportunity for leaders in all three education sectors, Catholic, State and Independent, to gather together and to reflect on the enormous task of leading a school in the current climate.*

Bishop Don reminded us of the responsibility we have as leaders in school communities, to not only develop our students to realise their academic potential, but to also realise their spiritual potential.

We need to be creative in the ways that we help our students understand how important God is in their lives and how he needs to be given the opportunity to walk with them as they grow and develop”, he said.



Paula MacKenzie (Principal, St Brigid’s School, Middle Swan) Greg Green (Principal, St Anthony’s School, Greenmount) bring forward the conference candle and Cross.



Bishop Donald Sproxton, Bishop Kate Wilmot and Rev Steve Francis during the Ecumenical Service



22ND-26TH SEPTEMBER 2018

THOUSANDS FLOCK TO SEE *Padre Pio Sacred Relics*

Thousands made the pilgrimage to St Mary's Cathedral to view the first class relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, more affectionately known simply as Padre Pio.

The relics, displayed from 22 to 26 September, fell on the commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of Padre Pio's death, and the Centenary of his Stigmata revelation.

Padre Pio, born Francesco Forgione on 25 May 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy, has long been a popular Saint in the Church. On 20 September 1918, while hearing Confessions, the stigmata – believed to resemble the wounds of Christ's crucifixion – started appearing on his hands, feet and side.

By 1919, news began to spread and people came from far away to examine him. The phenomenon continued for 50 years until the end of his life, when he died aged 81 on 23 September 1968 – the date now honoured as his feast day.

Pope John Paul II beatified him in 1999, and three years later canonised him St Pio of Pietrelcina.

On 3 March 2008, the body of St Pio was exhumed and placed on display for veneration, before being re-interred in 2010 in the Church of Saint Pio, in the town of San Giovanni Rotondo, in a special golden crypt. > CONTINUED

Saturday 22 September 2018

8.00am	Mass, Veneration of the Relics, followed by Reconciliation
6.00pm	Mass, Veneration of the Relics, with Reconciliation from 5pm to 6pm

Sunday 23 September 2018

8.00am	Mass and Blessing with the Relics
9.30am	Mass and Blessing with the Relics
11.00am	Solemn Mass with Emeritus Archbishop Barry Hickey and Veneration of the Relics
5.00pm	Mass and Veneration of the Relics

Monday 24 September 2018

8.00am	Mass, Veneration of the Relics followed by Reconciliation
12.10pm	Mass, Veneration of the Relics, with Reconciliation from 11am to 12pm

Tuesday 25 September 2018

8.00am	Mass, Veneration of the Relics followed by Reconciliation
12.10pm	Mass, Veneration of the Relics, with Reconciliation from 11am to 12pm
6.00pm	Mass (Anointing of the Sick) and Veneration

Wednesday 26 September 2018

8.00am	Mass, Veneration of the Relics followed by Reconciliation
12.10pm	Mass, Veneration of the Relics, with Reconciliation from 11am to 12pm
7.30pm	Novena, Benediction and Veneration of the Relics

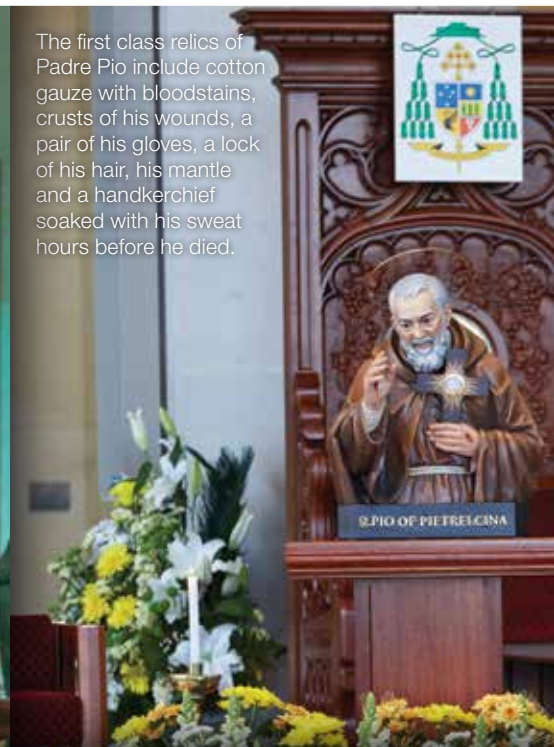
Shrine of St Pio of Pietrelcina / Catholic News Service



Emeritus Archbishop Barry Hickey venerates the relics of Padre Pio at the conclusion of the Solemn Mass.



The first class relics of Padre Pio include cotton gauze with bloodstains, crusts of his wounds, a pair of his gloves, a lock of his hair, his mantle and a handkerchief soaked with his sweat hours before he died.



Thousands of faithful flocked to St Mary's Cathedral to be in the presence of Saint Pio's relics



Fr GianMaria Digiorgio spoke in Italian about the life and teaching of Padre Pio on each day of the five days at St Mary's Cathedral, translated here by the Emeritus Archbishop Adrian Doyle from Hobart.



Emeritus Archbishop Barry Hickey celebrated the first Mass on the 23rd September with concelebrants, Fr GianMaria Digiorgio OFM Cap, Cathedral Dean, Fr Sean Fernandez and Assistant Priests Fr Jeffey Casabuena and Fr Conor Steadman.

"This day is a very special privilege for all of us. I know all of you love Padre Pio, who was an extraordinary person, a man whose presence is felt by all of us", Emeritus Archbishop Hickey told a packed congregation.

Fr Digiorgio, a protégé of Padre Pio, gave the Homily at Masses across each of the five days at St Mary's. *"One-hundred years ago he received the stigmata on his body. Fifty years ago today, Padre Pio died with the rosary in his hands while constantly repeating the names of Mary and Jesus. But Padre Pio is not dead; Padre Pio lives through us and in our hearts",* he said.

Speaking in Italian about the Readings of the Sunday, Fr Digiorgio said St Pio mirrors the entire Gospel in his life. *"The gift Padre Pio was given by Jesus was a gift for us, but not a gift for Padre Pio. For Padre Pio, every single day he suffered in constant battle. He understood that the only way to confront difficulty and struggle was through prayer. He is the saint of prayer personified on Earth. The first few times Padre Pio would celebrate Mass, it would take many hours because he would receive visions",* he said.

Fr Digiorgio conveyed the tale of Padre Pio's apparition of the Virgin Mary holding baby Jesus in her arms, saying 'Pio, Pio, remain calm – you are ours and we are yours. Calm down, remain calm'.

"One day, Padre Pio was in the convent praying the rosary while walking through the corridors. One of the Capuchin brothers was nearby and said: 'Tomorrow I am going on a pilgrimage to Lourdes, do you want to come with us to pray?'"

"Padre Pio responded: 'My son, the Blessed Mother and I are walking together right now, I am walking together with her now, and we are talking and praying together. She is with me wherever I pray the rosary.'

Padre Pio didn't only pray the rosary once a day but many, many rosaries every single day to receive these graces from God", said Fr Digiorgio.

Fr Digiorgio's final words of advice to the Perth congregation was a reminder of what Padre Pio would often tell people experiencing hard times: **"Pray, hope, and don't worry"**.

Rev Dr Sean Fernandez, Dean, St Mary's Cathedral, expressed his pleasure at seeing such large crowds flock to the Cathedral to view the relics and to receive Confession.

"I have been impressed with the devotion and faith of people. The aspects of faith, hope, and love are key to Christian life. Through the intercession of Padre Pio, you can see the Saints embody the mercy and presence of Christ", he said.

A bust statue of Padre Pio was generously commissioned and presented by the Di Stefano family during these celebrations.





Catenians Commemorative Mass

Ever since the Catenian Association was first established in Western Australia on 8 February 1977, a commemorative Mass has been held annually at St Mary's Cathedral to remember departed Catenian members.

14th
Oct

In October, more than 130 Catenian brothers, wives and guests gathered at the Cathedral for the 11.00am Mass to remember deceased Catenian brothers including 11 WA members who died over the past 12 months. In attendance was Australian National President Ralph Fitzpatrick with wife Liana, and the British National President John Hogan and his wife Pauline.

Rev Dr Sean Fernandez, Dean of St Mary's Cathedral (who celebrated the Mass) said *"I was glad to welcome the Catenians as they came together to pray for their deceased brothers. The support they offer each other in living their faith within the Church is so very important"*.

Provincial President Kevin Hefron, who is affiliated to the Fremantle Circle, described the occasion as "one of the best Masses that we've had for some time". He said the annual commemorative service is an important component of the Association's ethos, remembering its late brothers and providing life-long support to the departed ones' families.

"This support is offered, not only at the annual Mass, but it is ongoing. We embrace widows and extended families of deceased brothers in social activities and at any time when support is needed", said Mr Hefron.

The commemorative Mass was followed by luncheon at the Swan Yacht Club in East Fremantle where several members and wives from the United Kingdom were welcomed, breaking their journey from England to Melbourne where they will attend the bi-annual National Conference of the Catenian Association from 19 to 21 October.



Catenians WA Provincial President Kevin Hefron (right) presented the first reading at the 11am Mass, pictured with Vice President Keith Morgan.



The annual Catenians Mass was well attended by members, their wives and esteemed guests.

Left, Aidan Boonnark, Right, Emma Pryce



Mrs Annette Morey handing out certificates



Father John Daly



MATER DEI COLLEGE GRADUATION MASS *Class of 2018*

The Mater Dei College community came together at St Mary's Cathedral to celebrate Mass and the conclusion of secondary schooling for 152 of their Year 12 graduating students. The evening Mass was celebrated by Rev Fr John Daly.

18th
Oct

Mrs Annette Morey, Principal, Mater Dei College said *"Since returning to Mater Dei as Principal in the middle of last year, I have often reflected on what it is about Mater Dei that makes it unique. After some thought, I came to the conclusion that the school's most special quality is its sense of community"*. Reflecting on the words of Pope John Paul II, who once stated, *"A community needs a soul if it is to become a true home for human beings....You the people must give it this soul"*. Mrs Morey said *"Mater Dei has soul; thanks to the dedicated parents, students and staff"*.

The togetherness and community spirit was evident by the lack of empty pews in the Cathedral for this graduation Mass.

Mrs Morey noted the exceptional student leadership that Mater Dei had seen throughout 2018. *"The College has been in fine hands with the exceptional leadership of our Student Executive Council led by Head Girl, Emma Pryce and Head Boy, Aidan Boonnark. The care, concern and support for the future of Mater Dei College was very much their focus which is both impressive and reassuring. Congratulations to our fine leaders, you have led the College with maturity and dignity"*.

Addressing the Class of 2018 Mrs Morey said, *"Year 12 students, I feel it important to emphasize that today does not mark the end of your education. Instruction may end in the classroom, but education will end only with life. As one Chinese Proverb states; Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime. The lessons you have learnt in the classroom is only one small aspect of your school experience."*

At school we learn how to cooperate, share, respect, resilience and to accept and live within the diversity of the world at large. I hope that your time at Mater Dei College will hold you in good stead and equip you with the tools to think for yourself and to be leaders not followers, to live with purpose and to go out into the world as intelligent young people who are socially conscious and who will make a difference."

May God Bless each of you in the weeks and months ahead as you finish your examinations, apply for further training or employment and look to the future and I hope that you live out our College motto: Faith with Courage".

Year 12 students



Outside St Mary's Cathedral



CORPUS CHRISTI *Graduation Mass*

Year 12 students from Corpus Christi College joined together at St Mary's Cathedral for this special Graduation Mass.

The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr Leon Russell, Chaplain on Rottnest Island, who earlier in the day had also attended the students' final assembly at the College.

The 210 students graduating from the College this year were joined by their parents, grandparents and siblings for the Mass - a wonderful celebration of the achievements of the students. Music was provided by the Corpus Christi College choir led by the Cathedral's Director of Music and Organist, Jacinta Jakovcevic.



Rev Fr Leon Russell celebrated this special Mass.



Students singing the Responsorial Psalm:
James Dagleish, Charli Lill and Corran O'Brien



Head Girl, Jessica de Freitas Basillio and Head Boy,
Liam Rego, with their graduation Stoles welcoming
parents and introducing the Graduation Mass.



Corpus Christi College Choir

WASO Chorus sings at the Cathedral

Conductor Chris van Tuinen accepts the applause for the full company at the conclusion of the performance



WASO CONCERT...

21st
Oct

Simply Outstanding

Soloist Kristin Bowtell in action



WASO Chorus once again graced St Mary's Cathedral with their amazing sound to a capacity audience.

This time, they were joined by a small ensemble of players from the WASO in a performance featuring three Masses written by Haydn, Mozart and Schubert.

These Mass settings, despite their short respective durations, are true masterpieces and really represent some of the best music of their time.

Jacinta Jakovcevic, Cathedral Director of Music, said: *"It's always wonderful for audiences, and the performers as well, to experience these works which were written for a Church setting, in an actual Church setting, and in acoustics very similar for which they were originally written."*

It seems to add another dimension to the experience of this music", said Jacinta.



Soloists Jennifer Barrington and Courtney Pitman



MARRIAGE DAY MASS

A special 'Marriage Day Mass' was held at St Mary's Cathedral to congratulate and acknowledge married couples celebrating significant anniversaries.

27th
Oct

The Mass was celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Donald Sproxtan and concelebrants included Cathedral Dean, Very Rev Dr Sean Fernandez, Assistant Priest Fr CJ Millen, Monsignor Brian O'Loughlin, Fr Pierluigi Vajra CRS, who were assisted by Deacon Trevor Lyra.

During his Homily, Bishop Don said *"The couples with us this morning have received the grace to succeed. We honour them today for their years of committed love. Those closest to them will be able to recognise their growth due to their support for one another, and the challenge they give to one another. These couples have reached milestones in their journey through life together. Their experiences can be of great assistance to the young couples beginning their married life, as well as those who are well into their journey"*, he said.

Bishop Sproxtan concluded his homily by expressing his thanks for the work of the Catholic Marriage and Fertility Service, and its Director, Mr Derek Boylen.

At the end of the Mass, Spearwood parishioners – Mr & Mrs Angelo and Teresa Silvestri - were presented with a certificate commemorating their 70th anniversary by Bishop Sproxtan.



Spearwood parishioners, Angelo and Teresa Silvestri, receiving their certificate acknowledging their 70th anniversary from Bishop Donald Sproxtan.



Married couples celebrating landmark anniversaries were presented with certificates commemorating the occasion.

Parishioners wore traditional outfits at the Unity and Diversity Mass

Unity & Diversity MASS

Asking the question “What do you want me to do for you?” and extending a helping hand would be the best Christian approach towards a newcomer or someone who is seeking to migrate to our country.

28th
Oct

These were the words of Auxiliary Bishop, Donald Sproxton, during his homily at the Unity and Diversity Mass held at St Mary's Cathedral.

Assisted by Deacon Paul Reid and several other Archdiocesan priests, this Mass was organised by the Archdiocese of Perth's - Western Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (WACMRO) - to recognise and celebrate the many ethnic groups of the Church of Australia, particularly migrants and refugees.

Bishop Sproxton addressed the congregation made up of Church agency representatives and various ethnic groups, including: Caritas, Red Cross, CARAD, Catholic Mission, Catholic Youth Ministry, Centrecare, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, and the South Sudanese, Chinese, African, Indonesian, Filipino, Korean, Malaysian, Singaporean and Vietnamese Catholic communities.

Bishop Sproxton said the Catholic community of WA remains united today because of the love and respect shared between all, guided by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

“We can begin by taking the initiative to get to know these people who are new in Australia. Making the effort to know details such as their backgrounds, language and their food is vital in order to better understand and appreciate one another. Then always being ready to help and give them what they need in order to feel a part of our community”, he said

The Prayers of the Faithful was recited in multiple languages by parishioners from the participating ethnic communities and Aranmore Catholic College students.

Before the conclusion of Mass, WACMRO Director, Deacon Gregory Lowe, expressed his gratitude to those present, recognising those who serve and support the migrant and refugee community on a daily basis.



Elizabeth Jones received a certificate of appreciation from Deacon Gregory Lowe for her services to Catholic migrant communities at the conclusion of the Unity and Diversity Mass.



Auxiliary Bishop Don Sproxton encouraged the congregation to follow the example of Christ in accepting and welcoming the multicultural Church of Australia during the Unity and Diversity Mass.





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

6th
Nov

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, joined by Auxiliary Bishop Donald Sproxton (Chairman, LifeLink), Rev Fr Peter Whitely (Vicar General) and Rev Dr Sean Fernandez (Dean, St Mary's Cathedral) warmly welcomed more than 145 parish priests, parish representatives and invited guests to a special Liturgical Service in support of the Archbishop's annual "Christmas Appeal for LifeLink".

The service this year included the beautiful voices of the Sudanese Choir who sang "Monye lio Yesu Kristo" which translated is "My lord Jesus Christ".

Archbishop Timothy said *"I am indeed grateful to the many parish priests and parishioners who made time to join Bishop Sproxton and me for this pre-launch of our Christmas Appeal for LifeLink."*

This service is a opportunity for me to thank them all for the wonderful support they provide to this appeal each year, and most importantly, for us to join together to reflect on people in need in our community who rely on our LifeLink agencies for help.

It is only through the ongoing support and assistance of our 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", said the Archbishop.

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."

I am asking everyone to please give generously to my appeal and help raise a minimum of \$650,000 for people in need this Christmas. Through your generous gifts, you will be helping make a difference in the lives of real people, with real needs, right here at home in WA", said Archbishop Costelloe.

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink will be officially launched in all parishes in the Archdiocese on the weekend of Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 November 2018.

Archbishop Costelloe will personally launch his appeal via a pre-recorded video message which parishes will be asked to screen on the weekend of 10/11 November.

YOU can donate securely online at www.lifelink.com.au





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Weekend Masses

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

Reconciliation

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Sunday 8.30am

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Sunday 9.30am

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Monday to Friday 12.10pm



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