

## MEDIA STATEMENT

Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth

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The horrific events which took place in Christchurch in New Zealand on Friday (15 March 2019) have shocked all Australians. Such senseless acts of violence do nothing but bring great suffering to innocent people and inflict deep wounds on the fabric of society.

On behalf of the Catholic community of Perth, I offer my sincere sympathy to all those whose relatives and friends lost their lives in this vicious attack.

We join the Muslim community here in Perth, who with us are children of the one God and therefore our brothers and sisters, in entrusting those who died to the all-merciful God.

We pray for those who have been wounded in body or in spirit that they may find healing and hope. May God grant us all the gift of peace for which we all long - and may we be bearers of that peace to each other.

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