

## MEDIA STATEMENT

Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth

**Date:** 11 March 2021

**Subject:** Catholic Archbishop Welcomes Premier's Announcement

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, Catholic Archbishop of Perth, today welcomed the announcement by the Premier that subject to his Government being re-elected, Easter Sunday would be gazetted as a permanent public holiday in Western Australia from 2022.

Archbishop Costelloe said "This announcement will mean that it is easier for people of the Christian faith, especially those who work in the retail and hospitality sectors, to celebrate the most important day in the Christian calendar.

It will also mean that everyone, whether committed to a religious faith or not, will be able to celebrate and share time with family and friends. Such opportunities are few and far between. That Easter Sunday will now be such a day, is a significant contribution to the overall well-being of our society".

Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB Catholic Archbishop of Perth

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