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## Perth Catholic Archbishop to join Ukrainian Bishop in Prayers For Peace

Catholic Archbishop of Perth Timothy Costelloe SDB has invited Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia, to celebrate the Divine Liturgy according to the Rites of the Greek Catholic Church of Ukraine at St Mary's Cathedral on **Sunday, 27 March 2022 commencing at 2:30pm.**

Archbishop Costelloe SDB, Auxiliary Bishop Don Sproxton and Archdiocesan Priests will concelebrate this liturgical service with Bishop Mykola. Church Leaders representing the Christian churches across Perth have been warmly invited to attend and join in prayer for those suffering and affected by the war in the Ukraine. The Most Reverend Kay Goldsworthy AO, Anglican Archbishop of Perth and Fr Abram Abdelmalek, Coptic Orthodox Church have confirmed attendance.

As a result of current health directives, St Mary's Cathedral will be restricted to a maximum of just 150 people permitted to attend. Due to the significant number of people expressing strong interest, **The Ukrainian Catholic Church's Divine Liturgy will be livestreamed via YouTube and Facebook.**

The livestream may be accessed via **YouTube:** [www.youtube.com/stmarysperth](http://www.youtube.com/stmarysperth)

The livestream may be accessed via **Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/stmarysperth](http://www.facebook.com/stmarysperth)

**It is hoped Catholics and people of all faiths, here and around the world, will join to offer their prayers, compassion and support to the people of Ukraine.**

Pope Francis recently announced that on the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, **Friday, 25 March 2022**, he will formally consecrate Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

A copy of the Holy Father's *Act of Consecration* for Russia and Ukraine is attached

Archbishop Costelloe SDB said "In order to give concrete expression to our communion as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Perth with the Holy Father, I will make this solemn act of dedication, entrustment and consecration to Mary on that same day in the name of all the people of the Archdiocese of Perth" he said.

End Statement

### **Important Information for Media**

Media organisations are invited to attend St Mary's Cathedral, Perth, on Sunday 27 March 2022 at 2.30pm. Archbishop Costelloe SDB and Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR will be available to media immediately following the Divine Liturgy at 4.00pm.

To ensure compliance with health directives, security will manage access to the Cathedral.  
**Please notify our Media Manager in advance should you wish to attend.**

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