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THE SHORTCOMINGS OF A DIGITAL IMMIGRANT
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Information technology and social media aren't my mother tongue. I'm a digital immigrant. I wasn't born into the world of information technology but migrated into it, piece-meal. I first lived in some foreign territories.

I was nine years old before I lived with electricity. I had seen it before; but neither our home, our school, nor our neighbours had electricity. Electricity, when I first saw it, was a huge revelation. And while I grew up with radio, I was fourteen before our family got its first television set. Again, this was a revelation – and manna for my adolescent hunger for connection to the larger world. Electricity and television quickly became a mother tongue, one lit our home and other brought the big world into it. But the phone was still foreign. I was seventeen when I left home and our family had never had a phone.

The phone wasn't much to master, but it would be a goodly number of years before I mastered much in the brave new world of information technology: Computers, the internet, websites, mobile phones, smart phones, television and movie access through the internet, cloud storage, social media, virtual assistants, and the world of myriad apps. It's been a journey! I was thirty-eight when I first used a VCR, forty-two before I first owned a computer, fifty before I first accessed the web and used email, fifty-eight when I owned my first mobile phone, the same age when I first set up a website, sixty-two before I first texted, and sixty-five before I joined Facebook. With email, texting, and Facebook being all I can handle, I still do not have either an Instagram or Twitter account. I'm the only person in my immediate religious community who still prays the office of the church out of a book rather than off a mobile device.

I protest that paper has soul while digital devices do not. The responses I get are not particularly sympathetic. But it's for reasons of soul that I much prefer to have a book in my hand than a kindle device. I'm not against information technology; mainly it's just that I'm not very good at it. I struggle with the language. It's hard to master a new language as an adult and I envy the young who can speak this language well.

What's to be said about the revolution in information technology? Is it good or bad?

Obviously, it has many positives: It's making us the most informed people ever in the history of this world. Information is power and the internet and social media have levelled the playing field in terms of access to information and this is serving well the developing nations in the world. Moreover it's creating one global village out of the whole world. We now know all of our neighbours, not just those who live nearby. We're the best-informed and best-connected people ever.

But all of this also has a pejorative underbelly: We talk to each other less than we text each other. We have many virtual friends but not always many real friends. We watch nature on a screen more than we ever physically touch it. We spend more time looking at device in our hands than actually engaging others face to face. I walk through an airport or basically any other public space and I see the majority of people staring at their phones. Is this a good thing? Does it foster for friendship and community or is it their substitute? It's too early to tell. The initial generations who lived through the industrial revolution did not have any way of knowing what the effects of this would be long-range. The technological revolution, I believe, is just as radical as the industrial revolution and we are its initial generation. At this time we have no way of knowing where this will ultimately take us, for good or bad.

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But one negative that seems already evident is that the revolution within information technology we are living through is destroying the few remaining remnants we still retain in terms of keeping "Sabbath" in our lives. The 13th century mystic, Rumi, once lamented: "I have lived too long where I can be reached." That's infinitely truer of us today than it was for those living in the 13th century. Thanks to the electronic devices we carry around with us we can be reached all the time – and, too often, let ourselves be reached all time. The result is that now we no longer have any time apart from what we regularly do. Our family times, our recreational times, our vacation periods, and even our prayer times are constantly rendered regular time by our "being reached". My fear is that while we are going to be the most informed people ever we may well end up the least contemplative people ever.

But I'm an outsider on this, a digital immigrant. I need to bow to the judgments of those who speak this language as their mother tongue.

June Parish Events

Monday 4 June at 2.30pm – Pipe Organ Plus Concert 2
Saturday 9 June at 6pm – CBC Family Mass
Saturday 16 June at 5.15pm – Evening Prayer

Sacred Heart Sodality

We wish to invite all friends of the Sacred Heart Sodality to join us at Mass every 4th Sunday of the month at 8:30am. Next Mass will be held on **Sunday 24 June 2018**. New members always welcome. For further information, please contact the Parish Office.

Parishioner Morning Tea

Come along and enjoy morning tea with fellow parishioners
after 8.30am Mass on Sunday 3 June 2018 ALL WELCOME!

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is held every Sunday of the Month at the 8:30am Mass in the Children's Chapel, located just inside the side foyer of the Basilica. All Children Welcome! **Liturgies will be held on Sunday 3, 10, 17 and 24 June, 2018.**

Safeguarding Training

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth's Safeguarding Program is child focused and is committed to the principle that children have an absolute right to physical, spiritual and psychological safety at all times. As a volunteer/church worker with the Archdiocese, it is paramount that you are familiar with the Safeguarding Program and how it impacts on your role. We are pleased to offer the following information sessions on the safeguarding Program. *RSVP 1 week prior to course. Contact email: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au.* More Info on noticeboards in Church.

8 June 10am to 11.30am – St Mary's Cathedral
11 October 5.30pm to 7pm – St Benedict's School Library, Applecross

Wedding Celebrations within the Parish

We wish to congratulate the following couples who will be celebrating their weddings at the Basilica during June and wish them all the best for their future. Let us keep them in our prayers.

Samuel Corbo & Jaye Grljusich
James Christensen & Rosanna Coleman



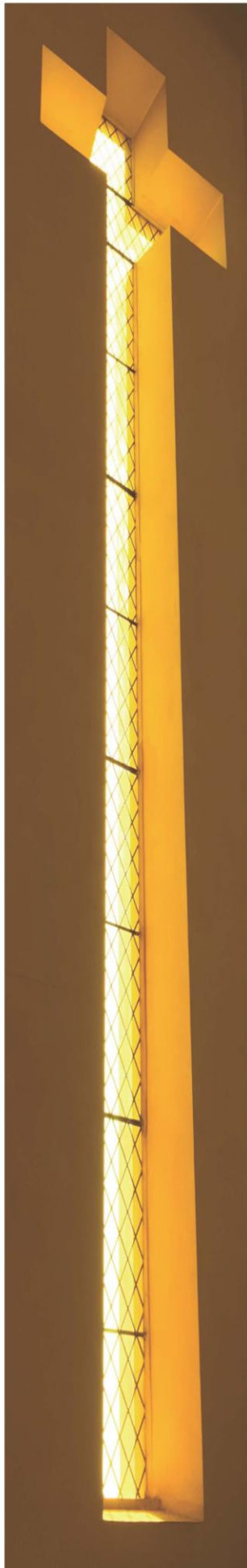
Pipe Organ Plus "FANTASIE" – Monday 4 June at 2:30pm

Dominic Perissinotto (organ)

Enjoy the June WA Day public holiday with an afternoon in Fremantle's beautiful Basilica, with some favourite organ works drawn from the 18 years of Pipe Organ Plus concerts.

BOOKINGS At the door from 1:30pm or in advance **Online @ www.trybooking.com/TATI**

Std: \$40 Conc: \$35 U-18: \$20



Sung Evening Prayer

Are you looking to make more time to talk with God?

St Patrick's Basilica will host a special Evening Prayer service on the third Saturday of every month.

This is the perfect opportunity to spend some extra time with God.

Evening Prayer, part of the traditional Liturgy of the Hours, consists of psalms, hymns, readings, prayers and antiphons.

A cantor and organist will lead you in this celebration of prayer.

**5:15pm on the Third Saturday of every month
leading into the 6pm Mass**

The Basilica of St Patrick

**47 Adelaide Street
Fremantle**



Rosters

If you are unable to attend on your rostered day please find a replacement. If you see a problem with the roster then please contact the Parish Office on 9335 2268 and ask that the information be passed on to Angie Emanuele.

Readers

| Date | Saturday Vigil 6:00pm | Sunday 7:00am | Sunday 8:30am | Sunday 11:00am | Sunday 5:00pm |
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| 2/3 June (1) | Joan Swindells Tonia Petrucci | Gabriel Newman | Pamela Cattalini Danielle Cattalini | Mary Jardine-Clarke Doratheia Randazzo | Lyn Tomlinson Cherry Hein |
| 9/10 June (2) | Position Vacant John Gilmour | Chris Banasik Nola Banasik | Monica Lacey Christine Brown | Graham Mosley Mara Sticca | Marja Vandermark Cherry Hein |
| 16/17 June (3) | Lyn Jensen John Gilmour | Gabriel Newman | Mary Ann Yeats Position Vacant | Margaret Sheridan Lani Lanzara | Anne Greenwood Lyn Tomlinson |
| 23/24 June (4) | Pat Pettigrew Tonia Petrucci | Beatrice Yong | Susanne Sutton Ultan Stephenson | Krystyna Pacyna Helen Davey | Bill Sands Sr Lynn Chua |
| 30 June/1 July (5) | Joan Swindells Tonia Petrucci | Gabriel Newman | Pamela Cattalini Danielle Cattalini | Mary Jardine-Clarke Doratheia Randazzo | Lyn Tomlinson Cherry Hein |

Communion Ministers

| Date | Saturday Vigil 6:00pm | Sunday 7:00am | Sunday 8:30am | Sunday 11:00am | Sunday 5:00pm |
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| 2/3 June (1) | Tonia Petrucci Frances Gilmour John Gilmour | Sarah Bottoli | Position Vacant Pauline Ivandich Brian Tuana Anne-Marie Cross | Position Vacant Max Thompson Mark De Klyver Mary Smith | Ligia Seal Lyn Tomlinson Sr Fely |
| 9/10 June (2) | John Gilmour Marlene Dullard Frances Gilmour | Sarah Bottoli | Mary-Ann Yeats Christine Brown Pamela Cattalini Teresa Ducali | Doratheia Randazzo P Grootelaar Margaret Sheridan Max Thompson | Ligia Seal Sr Melanie |
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Music Ministry

Dominic Perissinotto – Organist and Director of Music

| Date | Liturgy | Saturday 6.00pm | Sunday 8.30am | Sunday 11.00am | Sunday 5.00pm |
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| 2/3 June (1) | THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi) | Lucinda Nicholls | Delia Price | Delia Price | Lucinda Nicholls |
| 9/10 June (2) | TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | CBC Mass | Gilbert Rodgers Andrew Brown (organ) | Gilbert Rodgers Andrew Brown (organ) | Grace Feltoe Andrew Brown (organ) |
| 16/17 June (3) | ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Claudia Sosin | Theodore Murphy-Jelly | The Basilica Choir | Fleur Brockway |
| 23/24 June (4) | THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST | Laura Pitts | Caitlin Rowe | The Basilica Choir | Jessica Taylor |
| 30 June/1 July (5) | THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Stephen De Filippo Annaliese Eames (organ) | Lucinda Nicholls | The Basilica Choir | Lucinda Nicholls |