



MEDIA STATEMENT

Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth

Date: 6 November 2019

Statement Re: Rev Fr Joseph Walsh

“After a lengthy police investigation, Father Joseph Walsh has been formally charged with a number of serious offences relating to the financial management of the parish of Subiaco during his tenure as parish priest.

Fr Walsh has entered a plea of not guilty to all charges. As with every other member of our society, Father Walsh is entitled to the presumption of innocence unless and until he is found guilty of some or all of the charges in a Court of law.

Members of the Catholic community will be praying for all those who have been affected by this sad and difficult situation including, of course, Father Walsh himself.

The Court processes will now unfold and we await their outcome. Out of respect for the integrity of the Court, there will be no further comment on this matter at this time”.

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