

**Odhran O'Brien**

Odhran has been the Director of the Archives Office at the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth since 2016. Prior to working for the Archdiocese, he worked in policy development and cultural heritage management within state and local government.

He has completed a Master of Arts by Research degree at the University of Notre Dame Australia and is currently completing doctoral studies in history at the University of Western Australia. His professional memberships include the Australian Society of Archivists, the Professional Historians Association of Western Australia and ICOMOS Australia.

He is a committed Catholic who is passionate about ecclesiastical heritage and its importance within local communities. He believes that places of worship can continue to play a central role in our local communities but, more than ever, the approach must be innovative and stay true to one of the core missions of the Church to care for the most vulnerable in the community.