

2017
GRADE 6
GRADUATION MASS



Tuesday 5th December 2017
Our Lady Queen of Peace Cathedral

St. Mary's College
Broome



Welcome: ##

Welcome to our Year 6 Graduation Mass. This Mass marks the culmination of 8 years of Primary education. It is a time of reflection. It is a time of celebration. It is a time of thanks. It is a time to celebrate with our God the gifts that we have shared together on our journey along the way.

Thankyou to those members of the St. Mary's school community, and you the members of the parish community, who have joined us this morning to share in our celebration. Our celebrants this morning are Monsignor Paul and Father Marcello.

Please stand and join with us today in singing our opening hymn, *Here I am to Worship*.

OPENING HYMN:

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes, let me see

Beauty that made, this heart adore you

Hope of a life spent with you

Chorus: So here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that you're my God

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, so highly exalted

Glorious in heaven above

Humbly you came to the earth you created,

All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

I'll never know how much it cost,

to see my sins upon the cross x2

Chorus

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting:

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE:

Priest: Lord, you call us to follow you.
Lord Have Mercy

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Priest: Lord, you give us your protection when we pray to you.
Christ Have Mercy

All: *Christ, have mercy.*

Priest: Lord, you guide our future so that we may share your glory.
Lord Have Mercy

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Priest: Let us pray.....
Father, we give thanks to you for the many gifts you give us, and we pray now that you will strengthen us to use these gifts in your service. We ask this through Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: ##

Isaiah 40:1-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

'Console my people, console them' says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call her
That her time of service is ended,
That her sin is atoned for,
That she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment
for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.
Let every valley be filled in,
Every mountain and hill be laid low.
Let every cliff become a plain,
And the ridges a valley;
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
And all mankind shall see it,
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice commands, 'Cry!
And I answered, 'what shall I cry?'
'All flesh is grass
And its beauty like the wild flowers.
The grass withers, the flower fades
When the breath of the Lord blows on them.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God remains for ever.'

Go up on a high mountain,
Joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
Joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
Say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,
His arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
His trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
Gathering lambs in his arms,
Holding them against his breast
And leading them to their rest the mother ewes.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response: *The Lord our God comes in strength.*

1. O sing a new song to the Lord
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.
Proclaim his help day by day. (R.)
2. Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)
3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
Let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
Let the land and all it bears rejoice,
All the trees of wood shout for joy
At the presence of the Lord for he comes,
He comes to rule the earth. (R.)
4. With justice he will rule the world,
He will judge the peoples with his truth. (R.)

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The day of the Lord is near:
He comes to save us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Matthew 18:12-14

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Tell me. Suppose a man has a hundred sheep and one of them strays; will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hillside and go in search of the stray? I tell you solemnly, if he finds it, it gives him more joy than do the ninety-nine that did not stray at all. Similarly, it is never the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.'

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Please be seated)

HOMILY

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: As we celebrate this time of graduation, we now pray for our future needs.

Readers: ##

For our spiritual leaders - Pope Francis, Bishop Saunders
Monsignor Paul and Father Marcello. May they continue to lead us
in your ways.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For our world leaders and governments. In this complex and
ever-changing world, may they be guided by your Son's example,
and lead us in the model of your son, Jesus.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For our families and school community. In this season of Advent,
may we the St. Mary's community act with listening hearts the
teachings of our Lord.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those suffering hardship and loss in our local Broome
community and beyond. We especially remember them in our
prayers and pray that you will keep them safe in your loving
arms.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Grade 6 Graduates. May we continue to live out the
gospel values that have been instilled in us during our time at St.
Mary's Primary under the guidance our teachers, ATAs and
religious leaders.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: Father, listen to these prayers which we make in the spirit of thanksgiving and hope for the future. We ask this through Christ the Lord.

All: Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY PROCESSION: ##

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Gifts*

Oh Lord our God, we bring the bread,

The bread of life, the bread of Love a gift from you

Oh Lord our God, we bring the wine,

The Wine of faith, the wine of Love, Gift from the vine

Please take these gifts and make them whole,

Sweet Nourishment, food for the soul

With Grateful hearts, we bring these gifts

Oh Lord our God with humble hearts we bring our love.

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.

Priest: May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,
be offered to you unceasingly,
to complete what was begun in sacred mystery
and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

After the Preface

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

Priest: At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine Teaching,
we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy Kingdom come
Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always be free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles...
...Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD (*SUNG*)

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

Priest: The Body of Christ,

All: Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN:

I WILL PRAISE YOU LORD

I will praise you lord (praise you)
with all of my heart
and I will sing of the wonder of god
come rejoice and be glad

Sing to the Lord, let it be known
Proclaim God's mighty works
Those who are calling, will be heard
God hears the voice of all

I will praise you lord (praise you)
with all of my heart
and I will sing of the wonder of god
come rejoice and be glad

Sing to the Lord, let it be known
For truth it shall be heard
Acting with justice, all are called
To come before the Lord

I will praise you lord (praise you)
with all of my heart
and I will sing of the wonder of god
come rejoice and be glad

Sing to the Lord, let it be known
In God you will find strength
A rock, A shelter, there for you
A place of hope and peace.

I will praise you lord (praise you)
with all of my heart
and I will sing of the wonder of god
come rejoice and be glad

REFLECTION HYMN:

MY HEART YOUR HOME

Come and make my heart your home
Come and be everything I am and all I know
Search me through and through
Til my heart becomes, a home for you

Come and make my heart your home
Come and be everything I am and all I know
Search me through and through
Til my heart becomes, a home for you

A Home for you

A home for you

Let everything I do, open up a door for your to come through
And then my heart will be a place where you want to be

Come and make my heart your home
Come and be everything I am and all I know
Search me through and through
Til my heart becomes, a home for you
Til my heart becomes, a home for you.

Priest: Let us pray.....

Father, may this Holy Communion give us strength, so that we will not be afraid to continue on our journey in your love and service. We ask this through Christ the Lord.

All: Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITES

*Grade 6 Graduates are now invited to stand for the Blessing Song.
Congregation are invited to extend their hands in a symbol of
blessing upon these young people.*

BLESSING SONG

May the blessing of our God be upon you
The blessing of the Father and the Son
And may Spirit of God, the Spirit of love
Be with you all your days

May God the Father, from whom every family take its name
Give you the power for His hidden self to grow strong
And may Jesus the son, live in your heart through faith
And then, planted in love, and built on love
May you be filled with the fullness of God

May the blessing of our God be upon you
The blessing of the Father and the Son
And may Spirit of God, the Spirit of love
Be with you all your days

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest: We congratulate you on your graduation. Go in peace
and to share your gifts with others.

All: Thanks be to God.

FINAL HYMN:

SHINE AMONG THEM

We are called to Shine (la la la) Shine (la la la)
Shine Among them

We are called to Shine (la la la) Shine (la la la)
Shine like the stars above

We are called to Shine (la la la) Shine (la la la)
Shine Among them

We are called to Shine (la la la) Shine (la la la)
Shine be a light of Love

Jesus is a light, A light for all the world
His light it shines in the fire of His words
A light of Love, for all the world to see
A shining star, A call for you and me

We are called to Shine (la la la) Shine (la la la)
Shine Among them

We are called to Shine (la la la) Shine (la la la)
Shine like the stars above

We are called to Shine (la la la) Shine (la la la)
Shine Among them

We are called to Shine (la la la) Shine (la la la)
Shine be a light of Love

A star of light, a star of love
The love of Jesus, given by God
"Love one another as I have loved you"
As stars of love, we are called too

We are called to Shine (la la la) Shine (la la la)
Shine Among them

We are called to Shine (la la la) Shine (la la la)
Shine like the stars above

We are called to Shine (la la la) Shine (la la la)
Shine Among them

We are called to Shine (la la la) Shine (la la la)
Shine be a light of Love

As stars of love, we are called to be strong
Compassion and justice, our call, our song
In this way too we must shine like the stars
Shine with Gods Love, wherever we are!

We are called to Shine (la la la) Shine (la la la)
Shine Among them

We are called to Shine (la la la) Shine (la la la)
Shine like the stars above

We are called to Shine (la la la) Shine (la la la)
Shine Among them

We are called to Shine (la la la) Shine (la la la)
Shine be a light of Love



*Thank-you for celebrating the 2017 Grade 6
Graduation Mass with us this morning.*

*The Graduation Luncheon will commence shortly at the
Notre Dame Multipurpose Room at 11:45am.*