

Holy Cross Catholic High School



A Farewell Celebration For the Class of 2025

Friday 23 May 2025

Celebrant: Canon Peter Stanley

*You did not choose me,
but I chose you
and appointed you
that you should go and bear fruit*

Welcome and Introduction

Today is a time of celebration
of all that we have given,
each one of us,
to Holy Cross:
our laughter and our tears;
our hopes and our dreams;
our hard work and determination;
our talents and our achievements.

It is a time to give thanks
for all that we have received from Holy Cross:
the support and care;
the teaching and learning;
the opportunities to grow in wisdom and knowledge of who we are,
and to become the people God created us to be.

We give thanks to God for the time we have spent together,
and we look forward to the future
filled with hope and anticipation.

Please stand for our first hymn

Opening Hymn: Here I am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord ...

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
'till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord ...

Sign of the Cross and Greeting

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

All: Amen.

Fr Peter: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Penitential Rite

We are invited to ask for God's forgiveness for our sins:

Fr Peter: For the times we have failed to do your will, Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Fr Peter: For the times we have hurt others, Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Fr Peter: For the times we have failed to make the most of the opportunities
before us,
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: Amen.

Collect Prayer

Fr Peter: God our Father,
source of all light and inspiration,
lead and guide us as we prepare to leave Holy Cross.
Help us to know your will and to follow it with courage.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the prophet Jeremiah (1:4-8)

The Lord said to me, 'I chose you before I gave you life, and before you were born I selected you to be a prophet to the nations.' I answered, 'Sovereign Lord, I do not know how to speak; I am too young.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say that you are too young, but go to the people I send you to and tell them everything I command you to say. Do not be afraid of them, for I will be with you to protect you. I, the Lord, have spoken!'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response: Psalm 147: 1-6

The response is:

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

All: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving;
to him our praise is due.

All: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted
and binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the numbers of the stars;
he calls each one by its name.

All: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust.

All: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

ALL STAND TO GREET THE GOSPEL

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:19

All: Alleluia!
Follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of men.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 4:18-22

Fr Peter: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
Fr Peter: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James and John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Let us pray for the teachers and staff who welcomed us into the family of Holy Cross and who have supported us throughout these five years. May they continue to inspire and nurture pupils.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for ourselves, that the Lord will guide us along our different paths and that, although we will travel in many directions, we will remain together in spirit through the bonds of friendship and love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who have faced personal tragedy during our time at Holy Cross: for those who have been unwell; for those who have had to cope with illness in their family; for those who have faced the death of a loved one; for those who continue to suffer today. Let us give thanks for the work of the pastoral teams who have supported us in our times of need.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray that, during this stressful time, we will stay focused and that, as we continue through our lives, we will recognise and seize the opportunities open to us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray in silence for our own personal intentions.

We ask Mary, our Mother, to join her prayer to ours as we say:

**Hail Mary,
full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.**

Offertory

Offertory Hymn: A New Commandment

A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Fr Peter: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you; fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Fr Peter: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you; fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Fr Peter: Pray my 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.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Fr Peter: Lord God,
may our prayer together
increase our faith in your companionship,
our hope in your love, our love for your people.
As we offer this bread and wine,
may we be strengthened in our friendship with you,
now and forever.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Amen.

THE PREFACE

Fr Peter: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Peter: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Fr Peter: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Fr Peter continues with the Preface, at the end of which we sing together:

**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 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Fr Peter continues with the Eucharistic Prayer. After the consecration, he says:

Fr Peter: The mystery of faith.

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

THE DOXOLOGY and GREAT AMEN

At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer:

Fr Peter: 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

Fr Peter invites us to say together:

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

Fr Peter: 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 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.

The Breaking of Bread

As Fr Peter breaks the host, we say together

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Fr Peter: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
R/ Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion

If you are unable to receive Communion today, please come forward with your arms folded across your chest, to receive a blessing.



Reflection

Who Am I?

'Who am I?' you may well ask. I really wish I knew.
If I am not myself at all, then maybe I am you.

To discover who I really am is really quite a task.
Maybe I am someone else who wears a funny mask.

I strive so hard to know myself, to discover the "real me".
My thoughts and feelings all confused, yet still I cannot see.

What makes me tick? What makes me feel so special and unique?
My purpose in this glorious world is what I truly seek.

I wish I could be creative, self-confident and smart;
not quiet, shy and insecure, emotional at heart.

I wish I had the confidence to say what I really feel,
instead of fearing criticism, uttering words that seem unreal.

Why at times do I feel so alone, and just yearn for a friendly face,
while at others I just long to be in some far off distant place;
with no one else to bother me and disturb my rambling thoughts,
until my conscience brings me back to do the things I ought.

And so I continue on my way on this journey they call life.
I try to do the best I can, though at times the goings tough.

I'll do my part to refine the world and make it a better place,
by being "me" to my capacity with each trial I have to face.

Faigie Rabin

Closing Prayer

Fr Peter: God of all beginnings and endings,
we praise and thank you
for bringing these young people to Holy Cross
and for giving us this time together.

The days have passed quickly, Lord:
the weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and holy days,
the controlled assessments, coursework, lessons and homeworks,
the assemblies and times of prayer.

Help them as they travel on their chosen career paths,
in college, or in the workplace,
to work and study with maturity.
Let the efforts of this, and past, years bear fruit.

Teach them to see themselves as your blessed children,
and to appreciate who they are;
the wonderful and unique people you created,
fearfully and wonderfully made; divine masterpieces.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
All: Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

Fr Peter: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

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

All: **Amen.**

Fr Peter: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by the lives you lead.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn: SHINE, JESUS, SHINE!

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.

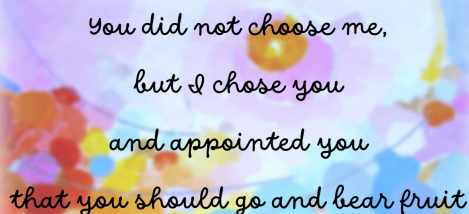
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire!
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord and let there be light!

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

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As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
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Luca Alder	Jashaani Elilvathanan	Thomas Liptrot	Zach Smith
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Grace Astley	Brooke Forrest	Aidan Macdonald	Holly Stenning
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Charlotte Baldwin	Lauren Freary	Gabriella Martinez	Robbie Stone
Thomas Banks	Sophie Gabriel	Thomas Mason	Jayden Stott
Jonathan Barros	Annabelle Gill	Harrison Mather	Kieran Stow
Aimee Barton	Emilie Girling	Lily Mayhew-Royle	Madisson Sudworth
Lydia Barton	Mary Gordon	Kian McGar	Imogen Sutcliffe
Ella Bayliss	Jack Green	Abi McGonagle	Laiton Swarbrick
Austin Beenham	Lewis Green	Harrison McMahon	Akos Szabo
Daisy Bell	Ciara Green-Critchley	Holly-Belle Meehan	Imogen Sutcliffe
Daisy Berry	Kai Greenhalgh	Matilda Mercer	Laiton Swarbrick
Joshua Bevan	Ruby Griffiths	Poppy Morgan	Adam Taggart
Louis Biegaj	Bethany Grime	Ava Mosteiro	Safiye Taycur
Freya-Elise Billington	Barnabas Hajma	Keira Mullen	Ciara Taylor
Phoebe Bishop	Matthew Hardman	Jane Murphy	Oliver Taylor
Freddie Blackledge	James Hardyman	Nikodem Muszak	Olivia Thomasson
Alfie Booth	Tia Harris	Oonagh Nelson	Phoebe Thompson
Anna Boston	Bobby Harrison	Joshua Olliver	Mia Thorley
Phoebe Bourne	Charley Harrison	Harry Owen	Ruby Tipping
Harrison Bowman	Ciaran Hartley	Rio Pacheco Loughlin	Tommy Townsend
Tabi Bradey	Sophie Hayward	Eva Parker	Joshua Tuddenham
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William Brown	Aidan Holt	Lilly-Kay Parker	Jayden Unsworth
Jack Bryan	Lucy Hough	Matilda Parker	Jess Walmsley
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Jemima Buglass	Charlie Ingham	Lexie Pennington	Jamie Whitehead
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Noah Calderbank	Daniel Johnson	Jenny Poole	Harry Wilkinson
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John Constant	Ameliarose Jevons	Jesiah Ritchie	Mrs Tierney
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Mariana Costa	Ethan Kay	Harriet Roscoe	11H Mrs Monk
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