

# MASS OF CELEBRATION FOR THE BICENTENARY OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA

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**Catholic  
Education**  
Diocese of Wagga Wagga

# Video Presentation - 200 Years of Catholic Education

## Welcome to Country

Wiradjuri Elder Aunty Kath Withers

## The Introductory Rites

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

**All:** Amen

**Celebrant:** Peace be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

### Penitential Rite

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to the Father and to one another: Lord, have mercy.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Celebrant:** You heal the wounds of our sin and division: Christ, have mercy.

**All:** Christ, have mercy.

**Celebrant:** You intercede with us with the Father: Lord, have mercy.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**All:** Amen.



**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

O God, who in the power of the Holy Spirit have sent your Word to announce good news to the poor, grant that, with eyes fixed upon him, we may ever live in sincere charity, made heralds and witnesses of his Gospel in all the world. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

**Please be seated.**



## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading: Book of Sirach 34: 9-17

The eyes of the Lord are upon those who love him

#### A reading from the Book of Sirach

A man with training gains wide knowledge;  
a man of experience speaks sense.  
One never put to the proof knows little,  
whereas with travel a man adds to his resourcefulness.  
I have seen much in my travels,  
learned more than ever I could say.  
Often I was in danger of death,  
but by these attainments I was saved.  
Lively is the courage of those who fear the LORD,  
for they put their hope in their savior;  
He who fears the LORD is never alarmed,  
never afraid; for the LORD is his hope.  
Happy the soul that fears the LORD!  
In whom does he trust, and who is his support?  
The eyes of the LORD are upon those who love him;  
he is their mighty shield and strong support,  
A shelter from the heat, a shade from the noonday sun,  
a guard against stumbling, a help against falling.  
He buoys up the spirits, brings a sparkle to the eyes,  
gives health and life and blessing.

The Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God



**Response: Psalm Ps 22 (21): 26-27ab, 28ab, 30c, 31-32**

I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters

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By your gift will I utter praise in the vast assembly;

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD.

The lowly shall eat their fill;

they who seek the LORD shall praise him.

I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters

All the ends of the earth

shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of the nations

shall bow down before him

I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters

Let the coming generation be told of the LORD

that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born

the justice he has shown

I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters

**Second Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17**

**A reading from St Paul's Letter to the Colossians**

Brothers and sisters:

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,

heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,

bearing with one another and forgiving one another,

if one has a grievance against another;

as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love,

that is, the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,

the peace into which you were also called in one Body.

And be thankful.



Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,  
as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another,  
singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs  
with gratitude in your hearts to God.  
And whatever you do, in word or in deed,  
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Cf. Acts 5: 42**

**All:** Alleluia Alleluia

All day long, both at the temple and in their homes, the apostles did not stop teaching and proclaiming the Christ, Jesus.

**All:** Alleluia

## Gospel

**Lk 4, 14-22a**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit,  
and news of him spread throughout the whole region.  
He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up,  
and went according to his custom  
into the synagogue on the sabbath day.

He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah.  
He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,



because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.  
Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down,  
and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him.  
He said to them,  
“Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”  
And all spoke highly of him  
and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried, he  
descended into hell, on the third day he rose again from the dead,  
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the  
Father almighty, from here he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion  
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life  
everlasting. Amen



## Prayers of the Faithful

**Celebrant:** My sisters and brothers, Jesus has called each of us to abide in him, let us bring our petitions before him with unshakable hope in his mercy.

**Celebrant:** That wisdom will be like a light in the lives of those who have responsibility for leadership in the Church; especially Pope Francis and Bishop Mark Edwards that their decisions are made for the common good of all.

Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Celebrant:** For those called to leadership in our schools that they will be led by the Spirit to rejuvenate their communities with the Joy and Hope of the Gospels.

Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Celebrant:** For all members of our school communities; students, staff and their families. That they may be inspired to embody Christ's message of self-giving service in all that they do.

Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Celebrant:** For our Parish communities that they may become dynamic sources of hope and joy as they live Christ's great commission to evangelize.

Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.



**Celebrant:** That those who have died in Christ will meet Jesus in the perfect joy of heaven – the great hope to which we are all called.

Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Celebrant:** Almighty God,  
we long for you,  
we thirst for you,  
we pine for you.  
Nourish us with the food of the Eucharist until we share  
the heavenly banquet.

Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

**Celebrant:** Pray, sisters and brothers, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

### Please Stand

**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.

**Celebrant:** Graciously sanctify these gifts, we pray, O Lord, and kindly receive our humble offering, that our bodies may become a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to you, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, not according to the old humanity but according to your Spirit.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen



## The Eucharistic Prayer

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** It is right and just.

**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.

**Celebrant:** The mystery of faith.

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

**Celebrant:** 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

**Please stand**

## The Communion Rite

**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.

**Celebrant:** 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 forever.

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All:** And with your spirit.

**Celebrant:** Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

**All:** 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.



**Celebrant:** 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.

## Communion Antiphon

**Cf. Lk 4: 18-19**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
for he has anointed me to announce the good news,  
to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord,  
and a day of redemption.

## The Concluding Rites

**Celebrant:** Having renewed us in mind by the nourishment of the precious Body and Blood of your Son, graciously grant us, O Lord, a changed heart and a new spirit that we may walk with perseverance in newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

**Celebrant:** Peace be with you.


**All:** And with your spirit.

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

**All:** Amen.

## National Celebration Song (Video) - Faith in the Future



  
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OFFICIAL BOOK LAUNCH

# OUR STORY

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SOWING THE SEEDS FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION



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*Faith in the future*

## Book Launch Ceremony

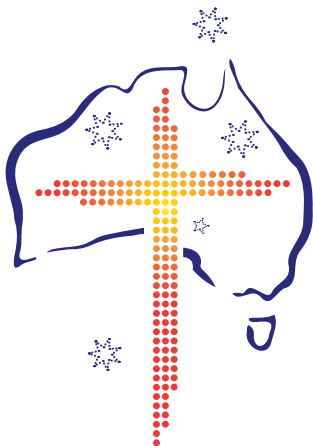
### 200 YEARS - Faith in the Future National Prayer

Almighty and all-loving God, with gratitude for the endeavours of Catholic education in the past, with confidence in our Catholic pre-schools, schools and universities today, and with faith in their continuing contribution in the future, we celebrate 200 years of Catholic education in this Great South Land. As our Heavenly Father, we thank you for your providential care for your children in this land in inspiring priests, religious and lay people to found and staff our schools in ages past. Through them the Good News of your Son was brought to the young even in colonial times – and ever since. As Christ the Teacher, you grace the staff and leaders of Catholic education today. As they build on the achievements of their predecessors direct them in their present efforts to ensure that every young Australian has the opportunity for an excellent education and formation in faith. As our Inspiring Spirit, you lead us into the future. In the century ahead grant those teaching and learning in our schools, those planning and leading, and the families and community that entrust their young people to us, a love of learning and a willingness to be the face of Christ in the world of tomorrow. Pour out your abundant blessings upon all involved in the ministry of Catholic education.

Amen.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross – pray for us.  
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Patron of Catholic Education in Australia – pray for us.





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