



# ST STANISLAUS' COLLEGE

Celebrating 150 years 1867 - 2017



*Sesquicentenary Liturgy*



*Blessing & Opening of Sesquicentenary  
Historical Display*

*4pm Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017*

*Fr Gregory Brett CM, Presider*

**Welcome – Head Prefect, Dominic McCrossin**

**Entrance Procession**

***Deeper River***

There's a river running deep within the silence of our souls,  
Where the quenching healing waters carve their art  
At its source a spring of living water surging and sustained,  
It's the voice of Jesus waiting for the listening of our hearts.

When the living waters flow in us  
When the living waters flow again,  
They will carry us, they will wash us down.  
They will quench our thirst again.

Sometimes the river of our life winds wandering away,  
Sometimes the rapids tumble restlessly,  
Comes the time to stop and find the deeper river running strong  
To drink refreshing waters and to hear the spirit's song.

When the living waters flow in us  
When the living waters flow again,  
They will carry us, they will wash us down.  
They will quench our thirst again.

Hear the call to thirsty people, there's no need to thirst again,  
To the weary come beside still waters lie  
Full of goodness full of mercy, our cup will overflow  
When the call of that deep river is a voice we've come to know.

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When the living waters flow again,  
They will carry us, they will wash us down.  
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**Welcome to Country – Dinawan Dyrribang (Bill Allen Jnr) & Didgeridoo  
(Kris Kennedy)**

**Head of College Introduction – Dr Anne Wenham**

**Procession of College Symbols & Preparation of Prayer Space**

***Echoes – Be Thou My Vision***

I hear echoes calling me onward to see;  
All from my heart and my soul I can be;  
Now is my time of learning the time they tell me,  
To seek and find the path of my own destiny.

I hear echoes saying my son it is thee;  
All in this world that you only must be;  
Here now you will learn fully the teachings you need,  
To live with peace and love and with true dignity.

When my time is over and I'm at my last;  
I'll listen then for those sounds from my past;  
They'll call me onward, my spirit takes leave,  
To join the echoes calling softly to thee.

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

#### **Opening Prayer**

God, ever present and ever true, You gave Vincent de Paul the courage and holiness of an Apostle for the wellbeing of all, especially the poor. We give you thanks for the many blessings received over the last one hundred and fifty years. Instil in us again the courage and the vision of those men and women who have gone before us, remaining faithful to the Gospel and the example of Vincent de Paul.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### **First Reading – Isaiah 52:7-10**

How wonderful it is to see a messenger coming across the mountains, bringing good news, the news of peace! He announces victory and says to Zion, "Your God is king!" Those who guard the city are shouting, shouting together for joy. They can see with their own eyes the return of the Lord to Zion. Break into shouts of joy, you ruins of Jerusalem! The Lord will rescue his city and comfort his people. The Lord will use his holy power; he will save his people, and all the world will see it.

The Word of the Lord.

#### **Sesquicentenary Prayer (All)**

God of all generations.

We ask your blessings on our College community as we celebrate 150 years.

We give thanks for Bishop Matthew Quinn, Diocesan priests and lay staff whose vision, dedication and generosity enabled the foundation and development of this College. Guide those of us now entrusted with this responsibility.

We give thanks for the Vincentian community who assumed responsibility for the College in 1889 and whose influence has ensured that the community has been alive with the spirit of St Vincent de Paul. Guide all of us as we strive to witness to God by our works.

We give thanks for the trust, hope and commitment of Stannies parents. Guide our current parents as they work in partnership with the Stannies community in the education of their sons.

We give thanks for the Stannies students whose legacy over generations has had a significant impact on the College, as well as on local, national and global communities. Guide our current students so that they too are inspired and encouraged to walk with courage, wisdom, truth and generosity.

We give thanks for the College staff who have nurtured, guided, educated and inspired generations of young men. Guide our current staff so that they too have the grace to educate and motivate our students to grow in wisdom and understanding so that their lives are full of hope.

As a College community we commit ourselves to the continuation of quality Catholic education, building on our past, celebrating our present and creating our future.

We ask this through Jesus Christ Your Son, Amen.

**Second Reading – A reading from a Conference of St Vincent de Paul**

Let us love God, sisters and brothers, let us love God, but let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brows; for very often many acts of love of God...although very good and desirable, are, nevertheless, very suspect if they don't translate into the practice of effective love. "By this," says Our Lord, "is my Father glorified, that you may bear much fruit." We have to be very careful about that; for there are many who,....filled with lofty sentiments of God...., stop at that, and when it comes to the point of doing something, and they have the opportunity to act, they come up short. ....Let's not fool ourselves: *Totum opus nostrum in operatione consistit* (that is, all our works consist in action). This is so true that the holy Apostle declares to us that only our works accompany us into the other life. ....The Church is compared to a great harvest that requires workers, but hardworking ones. .... That's what we should do, that's how we should witness to God by our works that we love Him.

**Gospel – Luke 4:16-20**

Then Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath he went as usual to the synagogue. He stood up to read the Scriptures and was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it is written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has

chosen me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save his people.” Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. All the people in the synagogue had their eyes fixed on him.

### **Homily – Fr Gregory Brett CM**

#### **Prayers of the Faithful**

Presider: St Stanislaus College was founded in 1867 to provide young men in Bathurst and beyond with quality Catholic education. We turn to God in prayer, giving thanks for the gift of 150 years of Catholic education that has opened Stannies students to the wonders and joys of God’s love.

Reader: For those who are responsible for leading and guiding the Stannies community. May they act with wisdom and integrity so that their decisions continue to make manifest God’s loving presence within the College and beyond.  
Lord hear us.

Reader: For parents and families. That we may have friendship in our homes as we grow together in love and respect, touching each other’s lives with care and understanding.  
Lord hear us.

Reader: For Stannies students. May we use the gift of our Vincentian education to help and guide us to become more like Christ who showed us how to care for others and make a difference in our world.  
Lord hear us.

Reader: For the Stannies staff. That we continue to follow the example of St Vincent and work to build a nurturing, safe and educational environment where all our students are inspired to have their eyes, ears and hearts directed to the poor.  
Lord hear us.

Reader: For all past members of the College community who have been hurt and damaged through the wrongful acts of abuse by former staff. Members of the Stannies community offer our deep and heartfelt apology. May all survivors find solace in the College Public Apology and Liturgy of Sorrow and Hope that will take place in Term 2 this year.  
Lord hear us.

Reader: For all past members of the College community who have died, Bishops, Priests, Brothers, old boys, students, family members and staff. May they find rest and peace in the hope of the Resurrection where they enjoy God’s everlasting presence.  
Lord hear us.

Presider: God of loving kindness, your grace fills us with joy. Help us to share the gifts you have given us so that we may share with others the compassionate friendship of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Hymn – Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise,  
than when we’d first begun.

**Recessional – Vincentius**

Vincentius orphanorum pater:  
pauperes Sion saturabo panibus,  
sacerdotes ejus induam salutari.

Vincent, father of the destitute  
the poor of Sion I will satisfy with bread,  
its priests I will clothe with salvation.

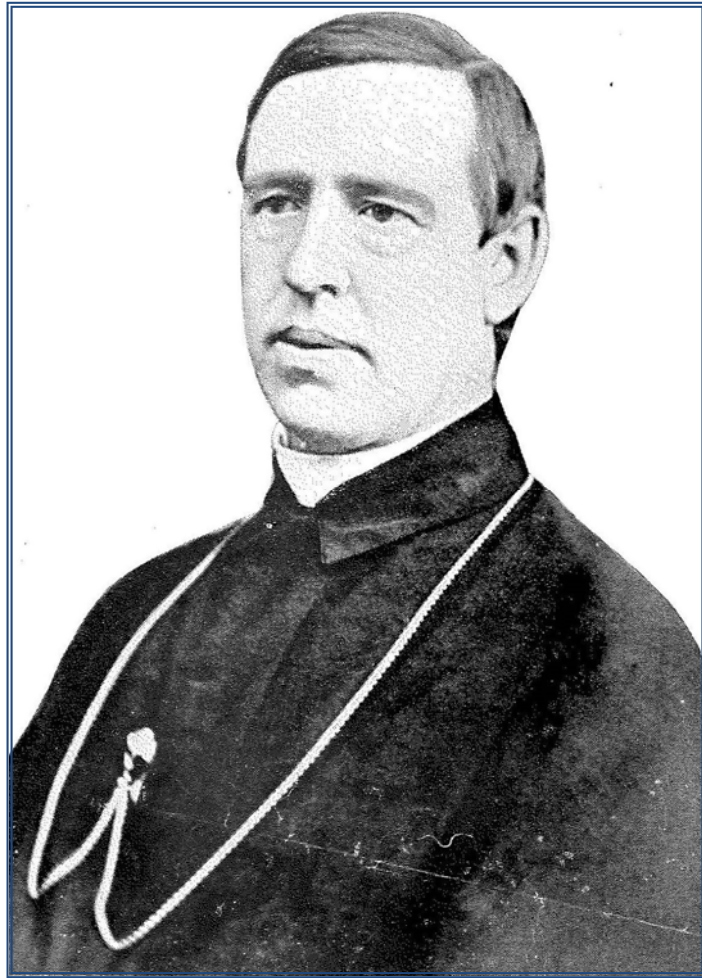
*Congregation exits the Chapel and moves downstairs to the Marble Hall.*

**Blessing of Historical Display & Unveiling of Sesquicentenary Plaque – Fr  
Gregory Brett CM**

*Thank you for your attendance today. Please join us  
for afternoon tea & viewing of the historical displays.*

*Sesquicentenary memorabilia will be for sale at the  
Business Office from 5pm to 6pm.*

*Please sign the Visitor Register.*



*Bishop Matthew Quinn  
First Bishop of Bathurst  
Founder of St Stanislaus College*