

St Pius X Primary School, Windale. Blessing and Opening of New Facilities.

On Friday 11th November a large number of visitors converged on St Pius X School, for the Blessing and opening of the new facilities, which included a new hall and library. The tone of the School was evident in the way the School Leaders greeted and welcomed each visitor and guided them to the venue.

Present for the occasion were Bishop William Wright, Mrs Jill Hall MP, Fr Gerard Mackie, Mr Ray Collins and Representatives of the Catholic Schools' Office, Sr Laretta Baker and Sisters of St Joseph, (several of whom had taught at St Pius X in previous years), the Architect and Builder/s, members of many local organizations who are engaged in the ongoing support of the school in many valued ways.

Mr John Wakely, the present Principal welcomed everyone and addressed the gathering, outlining some of the growth and achievements that have occurred over the years, even touching upon the work of the first Sisters who began the School in 1957 and who shared the hard times with the people of that era.

The Liturgy of Blessing the Facilities included Prayer, Scripture Reading, Music, Liturgical movement and Singing with appropriate participation from the students. During the hymn "The Face of God", a gifted artist painted an amazing 'portrait' of the face of Christ on a large canvas. An amazing and moving feature!

Bishop William blessed the buildings, generously sprinkling Holy Water within the building and on the people as well. Then Bishop William and Sr David (Loretta) unveiled the commemorative Plaque. (Sr David taught at St Pius X school when it opened in 1957.)



The mood of the day was one of great joy for all present and many reunions took place over the morning tea which was set out and provided by the Staff and parents of the students. Congratulations to all at Windale!