



***THE OPENING AND BLESSING
OF THE JOHN PAUL II
SIXTH FORM CENTRE***

by

***The Right Reverend George Stack
Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster***

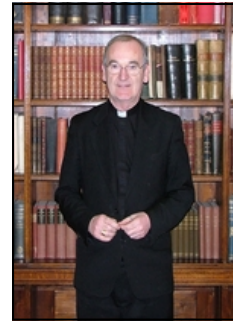


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WEDNESDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2009

Bishop George Stack

Bishop George Stack was ordained an Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Westminster on 12 April 2001. He is chairman of the Diocesan Department for Education and Formation and has pastoral responsibility for the Deaneries in Hertfordshire.



Bishop Stack was born on 9 May 1946 in Cork, Ireland. He attended St Aloysius' Secondary School, Highgate, before studying for the priesthood at St Edmund's College, Ware. He was ordained on 21 May 1972 at St Mary & St Joseph Church in Poplar by Bishop Victor Guazzelli, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster.

In addition to his Diocesan responsibilities, Bishop Stack is Chair of Governors at St Mary's University College; a Governor at Heythrop College in the University of London and a Member of the Board of St John & St Elizabeth's Hospital, London.

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- 12:15 Year 7's meet and greet guests into the Dining Room
 - 12:30 Guests gather outside the John Paul II 6th Form Centre where Bishop Stack cuts the ribbon
 - 12:35 Raymond Chabvuka, Head Boy and Laura Graceffa, Head Girl lead guests to the Learning Research Centre to be seated
 - 12:45 Service of Blessing led by Bishop Stack
 - 13:00 Speeches and Presentation by Phil Jakszta, Headteacher and Angela Chisholm, School Manager
 - 13:15 Guests invited to reception in the Study Centre
 - 13:45 Guests depart

Service of Blessing led by Bishop Stack

Bishop Stack:

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

All: AMEN

Bishop Stack:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Opening Prayer:

Bishop Stack:

All glory and praise are yours, heavenly Father:
we give you thanks for calling us to be your people,
and for giving us your Son as our Lord,
and your Spirit to guide our lives and our prayer.

Bless us as we gather together today,
and open our hearts to the action of your holy spirit.
Teach us to pray with Jesus
and to give you glory each day.

Father, we praise you
through Christ your Son,
in the love and unity of your Spirit
now and always and for ever.

All: Amen

Scripture Reading

Bishop Stack: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Bishop Stack: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you O Lord.

Matthew 5: 13 – 16

'You are like salt for the whole human race. But if it loses its saltiness, there is no way to make it salty again. It has become worthless, so it is thrown out and people trample on it.

You are the light for the whole world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl; instead he puts it on the lampstand, where it gives light for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.'

Bishop Stack: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessing

Bishop Stack:

Let us ask God to bless us
and our new sixth form centre

All praise to you, heavenly Father,
Lord of Creation:
you have gathered us in this school community
to praise you by our words and works.

Bless this sixth form centre which we have built
for the education of our young people.
Bless our students and teachers,
our parents, our governors, our staff
and all who promote sound education in our community.

May our young people grow in wisdom, age and grace
before you and all your people.
May this school always be a home of truth and wisdom,
of faith and goodwill towards all.

Through the prayers of Our Lady
may this school help our community,
and build your kingdom of justice, truth, peace, and love.

Loving Father,
listen to our prayer,
which we offer through Christ our Lord,
in your Holy Spirit:
all glory to you, one God, for ever and ever.

All: AMEN

Final Blessing

Bishop Stack:

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

All: AMEN



Nicholas Breakspeare Catholic School would like to thank its strategic partners for their support during the refurbishment programme. The school is grateful to the Diocese of Westminster and to the parents of Nicholas Breakspeare Catholic School who contributed to our building fund which provided the money to finance the programme.

The school has successfully refurbished the New 6th Form Centre and Design & Technology department. This has been achieved with the expertise and support of the following contractors:

- A Caulfield
- Crossbrook Furniture
- IA Computing

A family run business, A Caulfield has been trading for 19 years. Beginning with a team of just four in 1991, A Caulfield has grown and now involves a team of over 30 personnel.



Originally specialising in road maintenance and groundwork's, A Caulfield's services now cover a dynamic scope of expertise. Their work includes day to day maintenance works in both the public and private sector and larger projects involving refurbishment and construction. A Caulfield have also completed extensive disabled access works to over 300 schools across the County.

We were delighted to achieve the opportunity to work at Nicholas Breakspeare Catholic School. Three family members are former pupils of the school.

A Caulfield are very proud of their work at the school and would like to thank staff and Angela at Nicholas Breakspeare for their professionalism in helping us carry out the works. We work in schools across the County and it was a pleasure to work in a school with such well behaved pupils, ensuring this project could be done safely and on time.

We hope you all enjoy the new facilities and wish you every success for the future.

Anthony Caulfield

Founded in 1969 Crossbrook Furniture has developed an enviable reputation as one of the most highly regarded educational furniture manufacturers in the UK today.



Our involvement with the new 6th Form Centre is the design, supply and installation of all the new fitted furniture. Throughout the whole development of this project we have worked very closely with Mr Jakszta, Angela Chisholm and the whole 6th form team to create this new learning environment.

Being a local company to the school, based in Hertford, we have enjoyed working on such a large project on our doorstep and will recommend to our other schools that they should visit Nicholas Breakspear to see for themselves what is achievable.

It has been a pleasure helping the whole team at Nicholas Breakspear with their vision of creating this new area that will show that this school is leading the way when it comes to investing in pupil learning and development.

Martin Money

IA Computing was established in 2000 by focused IT professionals with substantial industry experience. Based in Coulsdon, Surrey, we cover sites in London, the South East and the Home Counties. Remotely our reach is worldwide with numerous international clients.



We have worked with Nicholas Breakspear Catholic School since September 2006 in the role of ICT partner, providing on-site fully managed ICT support services to the staff and students. In 2007 we developed the successful and popular virtual learning environment Athena™, creating virtual study areas for students and virtual classrooms for teachers.

Our commitment is to continue to enjoy the relationship we have developed with the school during the past three years, by being supportive, honest and innovative, and by providing professional and friendly ICT services.

Bob Smith