

Order of Proceedings

(Master of Ceremonies: Christopher Rynd)

*The Governor and others taking part in the official proceedings
take their places.*

Advance Australia Fair

*(Version to be used in Church services
by permission of the Office of the Governor General)*

**O GOD, who made this ancient land,
And set it round with sea,
Sustain us all who dwell herein,
One people, strong and free.
Grant we may guard its generous gifts,
Its beauty rich and rare
In your great Name, may we proclaim,
“Advance Australia Fair!”
With thankful hearts then let us sing
“Advance Australia Fair.”**

**Your star-bright cross aslant our skies
Gives promise sure and true
That we may know this land of ours
A nation blessed by you.
May all who come within its bounds
Its peace and plenty share,
And grant that we may prayerfully
Advance Australia Fair.
With thankful hearts then let us sing
“Advance Australia Fair.”**

Words by Robin Sharwood

Welcome to Country

Mr Bob Waterer, Senior Representative of the Guringai People

Welcome and Introduction

Fr Steven Salmon, Rector of St John's

Opening of Centre

The Governor opens the new Parish Centre and unveils a commemorative plaque.

Bible Reading

Jessica West

Psalm 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me;
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'*
- 2 And now our feet are standing:
within your gates O Jerusalem;*
- 3 Jerusalem which is built as a city:
where the pilgrims gather in unity.*
- 4 There the tribes go up—the tribes of the Lord:
as he commanded Israel to give thanks to the name of the Lord.*
- 5 There are set thrones of judgement:
the thrones of the house of David.*
- 6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
may those who love you prosper.*
- 7 Peace be upon your walls:
and prosperity in your palaces.*
- 8 For the sake of my kindred and companions:
I will pray that peace be with you.*
- 9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God:
I will seek for your good.*

Address

Bishop Glenn Davies, Bishop of North Sydney

Prayer of Dedication

Bishop Davies

Song

- 1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.*

- 2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.
- 3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
- 4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.
- 5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Bernadette Farrell

Blessing

Bishop Davies

*Please join with us in some refreshments while the Governor and others inspect the
Church and Parish Centre.*



Official Opening
of the
St John's Parish Centre
by

Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO
Governor of New South Wales

and Dedication
by

The Right Reverend Dr Glenn Davies
Bishop of North Sydney

Saturday 25 October 2008