



# Holy Mass

to give thanksgiving for 125  
years of God's faithfulness.



Celebrated by His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith  
on the 16th of August 2025, at the School Main Hall

# Jubilee Prayer

Almighty and ever-loving God our father,  
We come before you with hearts full of gratitude as we  
celebrate the 125th anniversary of our beloved school, dedi-  
cated to  
St. Lawrence. We thank you for the vision and dedication  
that led  
to the establishment of this institution 125 years ago, and  
for the countless  
blessings that have been bestowed upon us over the years.  
We are grateful for the principals, teachers, and well-wish-  
ers who have  
contributed their time, talents, and efforts to make our  
school  
a place of learning, growth, and success. Their commitment  
and  
passion have shaped the lives of generations of students and  
have helped  
become the community we are today.  
As we gather together in unity under the care of our patron  
saint,  
St. Lawrence, we ask for your guidance and wisdom, as we  
journey  
into the future. May we continue to grow in knowledge and  
understanding, and may we always remain true to the values  
and motto  
that define us as a school community.  
Grant us the strength to face challenges with courage, the  
wisdom  
to make sound decisions, and the compassion to support  
one another  
in times of need. May our hearts be filled with gratitude and  
our actions bring glory to your name.  
We offer this prayer in thanksgiving and with hopeful hearts  
as we embark on this jubilee celebration.  
Amen.

## ***Programme***

Welcome Ceremony

Unveiling of the Jubilee plaque

Procession

Celebration of the Jubilee Mass – Presided by His Eminence  
Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith

## ***Entertainment and Activity Line Up***

School Anthem

Lighting of the Oil lamp followed by A Hymn to the  
Holy Spirit

Welcome Dance

Welcome Speech By Vice Principal  
(Ms. Umadanthe Jayamanne )

Newly composed hymn to St Lawrence performed by  
Ms. Jacqueline Hettiarachchi

Spanish Dance Act

Felicitation message by Head Prefect (Miriam Ranjithan)

Primary Action Song

Felicitation message by PTA (Eunice Benjamin)

Upper School Dance Act

Felicitation message by PPA (Ms. Fiona Crusz)

Archbishop 's Message

Jubilee Stamp Inauguration

Jubilee Cake Cutting followed by congratulations song

Closing of the Jubilee Year

# Jubilee Song

125 years of God's love  
We celebrate from the grace from above  
Hearts full of praising  
With words of rejoicing  
We follow you as we follow our saint  
We stand before you as we celebrate

Hail, Hail, Hail to you  
Our Alma Mater we love you..//  
Lead us to see greater glory of God  
Teach us to win the crown of gold

As your are our mother most precious than gold  
We turn to you with our burdens untold  
In times of suffering  
With hearts of aspiring  
We follow you as we follow our saint  
We stand before as we celebrate

125 years have been gone  
There'll be more and more pages to unfold  
This is our story  
We give greater glory  
We follow you as we follow our saint  
We stand before you as we celebrate

Composed by Rev. Fr. Eranga De Silva  
Music Ms. Ashwini Benedict



## *Entrance Hymn - Sing to the Lord*

Sing to the Lord,  
Sing a song of thanksgiving

Sing to the Lord

Sing a song of praise

For all good gifts that come from God

Sing to the Lord,

Sing a song of praise

Bless the Lord,

Bless His holy name

Alleluia

Bless the Lord,

Bless His holy name

Alleluia

For God's great gifts of love and grace

O sing to the Lord, bless His holy name

Sing to the Lord

Give thanks and sing a joyful song of praise

With grateful hearts we come today

To offer thanks and praise

For countless blessings we receive revealed in many ways

For loving care that never ends, for wonders new and old

For knowing God is always near to see our lives unfold  
For friends and family through the years, For saints that we

have known,

Whose faith inspires and helps us know that we are not  
alone

Our gratitude is far beyond what we can do or say  
For God is great and God is good, our ever present strength  
and stay.

For all good gifts that come from God

Sing to the Lord,

Sing a song of praise

Sing to the Lord,

Sing to the Lord a song

A song of praise

## *Introduction*

### *Kyrie*

Kyrie Eleison  
Christe Eleison  
Kyrie Eleison

### *Gloria*

Glória in excélsis Deo  
et in terra pax homínibus bonae voluntátis.

Laudámus te,  
benedícimus te,  
adorámus te,  
glorificámus te,

grátias ágimus tibi propter magnam glóriam tuam,  
Dómine Deus, Rex cælestis,  
Deus Pater omnípotens.

Dómine Fili Unigénite, Iesu Christe,  
Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris,  
qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis;  
qui tollis peccáta mundi, súscipe deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserére nobis.  
Quóniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dóminus, tu solus  
Altíssimus,  
Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spíritu: in glória Dei Patris.  
Amen

*Liturgy of the word*

*1st Reading*

*Response: "I thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness and love"*

*Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia*

*Gospel*

*Homily*

*Prayers of the faithful*

*Offertory*

*This is my body*

This is my body broken for you  
Bringing you wholeness making you free  
Take it and eat it, and when you do  
Do it in love for me

This is my blood, poured out for you  
Bringing forgiveness making you free  
Take it and drink it and when you do  
Do it in love for me

Back to my father soon I shall go  
Do not forget me then you will see  
I am still with you and you will know  
You're very close to me

Filled with my spirit how you will grow  
You are my branches, I am the tree  
If you are faithful others will know  
You are alive in me

Love one another as I have loved you  
And I have shown you how to be free  
Serve one another and when you do  
Do it in love for me

## *Sanctus*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis//  
Hosanna Hosanna in excelsis

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis//  
Hosanna Hosanna in excelsis

## *The mystery of Faith*

Mortem tuam annuntiamus, Domine,  
et tuam resurrectionem confitemur,  
donec venias.

## *The great Amen*

### *Agnus dei*

Agnus dei qui tollis peccata mundi,  
Miserére Nobis //  
Agnus dei qui tollis peccata mundi,  
Dona nobis pacem

## Communion Hymn No. 01

### පවතක වෙලා එන්න

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## *Communion Hymn No. 02*

### *Count your blessings*

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Refrain:

Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;  
Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?  
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?  
Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly,  
And you will be singing as the days go by. [Refrain]

When you look at others with their lands and gold,  
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;  
Count your many blessings, money cannot buy  
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high. [Refrain]

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,  
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;  
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,  
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end. [Refrain]

## Communion Hymn No. 03

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*Communion Hymn No. 04*  
*One world one communion*

One world one communion  
One faith in Christ the son  
One world one communion  
And there is room for everyone //

wherever people gather to Share bread and cup  
though we are many we are one in love  
so much we have in communion  
though we are miles a part through the Holy Spirit  
we are one in heart and so we are

one world one communion ...

wherever bread is broken and where the cup is poured  
brothers and sisters, we are one in the Lord  
though many things divide us with great diversity  
through the power of love, we will find unity  
so, help us see there 's

one world one communion ....

## *Final Blessing*

## *Final Hymn*

### *Holy Lawrence*

Holy Lawrence yet our patron  
Guard and spread the ancient truth  
That our cities blest with wisdom  
May be filled with strength and youth  
May thy guiding prayers sustaining  
Still protect us from all harm  
And the evil dark notwithstanding  
May we rest in Jesus' arms

As around the sacred altar  
Of our Lord and God we kneel  
Hear us gentle saint and martyr  
For our country's common weal  
Be our aid and good protector  
Oh give heed to all our tears  
As around our knees we falter  
Pray for Lanka through the years

As in ancient days of glory  
Tears and blood baptised Rome  
As through faith and martyred story  
Virgins died for land and home  
So through all the brought endeavour  
Of thy sweet and loving pains  
May we live in faith forever  
Greater than all worldly gains

Dark and drear the landscape measures  
Christ and faith are dim in storm  
And a midst the earthly treasures  
    Sorrows raise and evils swarm  
    Still above the darkening  
    Raise thy hands and yet implore  
That despite the blest and blunder  
    We may love our Saviour more

Guard thy children saint Lawrence  
    That are placed within thy care  
Save the Christian child's innocence  
    With Thy find paternal care  
    And within his kneeling city  
Change the sinner's grief and sigh  
    Through thy interceding pity  
    Into endless joys on high

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Hymn to Saint Lawrence

chorus

Composed for the 125th Jubilee Celebrations of St. Lawrence's Convent.

In joyful celebration of our patron saint's enduring legacy, we are delighted to present this hymn, specially composed in Sinhala. This heartfelt tribute honours Saint Lawrence's unwavering faith, selfless commitment to service, and enduring inspiration.

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Lyrics by Bro. Ashen Nimantha Fernando  
(3rd year Theology)

Music Composed by  
Ashwini Benedict  
Ridmavi Anthony

Music Coordination by  
Ms. Christa Perera

Performed by Ms. Jacqueline Hettiarachchi by invitation of the  
School Management

Celebrations and joyful cheers,  
St. Lawrence shines through 125 years!  
Red and gold, our banner flies,  
We lift our hearts into the skies!

With great hearts, we've come so far,  
Guided strong like a shining star.  
Code Magno in all we do  
We raise our song to honor you!

Celebrations! We sing for you!  
All together, proud and true!  
With every smile and every cheer,  
We mark this golden year!  
Celebrations! Our hearts unite!  
Red and gold, forever bright!  
With joy we say  
Happy Jubilee Day!

Nawodya Dias  
Head Prefect 2015

## *Our Foundress*



*Mrs. Janet Poulier  
1900 - 1936*

# THE GOOD SHEPHERD ANTHEM

1. Happy Shepherdians of Sri Lanka, we Stand united as one family.  
Under the banner, of our dear Good Shepherd.  
Merciful, humble and kind we pledge to be;  
In the footsteps of Mother St. Euphrasia,  
With courage, hope, love, joy and cheer,  
Together we build a just, happy world!

Refrain:

Hail, oh! Hail!! Our Alma Mater,  
Seat of learning where virtues in us grow;  
Zeal and compassion to lift up the wounded,  
Bring back the wayward to the fold,  
“A soul is of value more than a world!”  
Yes, one person is worth more than a world!

2. To truth and justice, we witness in life;  
Forgive those who hurt and cause us strife;  
Dispel the darkness of division and hate,  
Blind to the differences of creed, rank of race,  
Help one another in charity, live in harmony and unity,  
These are the treasures we value in life, more than earthly  
wealth, power, fame or pride.

3. Love the Great Creator! Love His creation!  
Our watch-ward in day to day life.  
To fauna and flora be gentle and kind;  
Keep pure the air we breathe and water we drink;  
Rivers and oceans environs about,  
Free of the mess we create around, Enjoy!

**(slow) Lead us dear Shepherd to pastures fresh,  
And waters of new life!**

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."

Psalm 100: 4-5

# School Anthem



Unfurl the banner Red and Gold,  
Set it aloft for all to see,  
Red for the toil, tears, trials untold  
Gold for the crown of victory.

True to our Motto we'll ever be,  
For glory we shall solely seek,  
By noble deeds done cheerfully,  
With hearts magnanimous and meek.

Martyr bless the crown and palm,  
Thro' fiery torments thou didst win,  
Preserve thy children from every harm,  
Safe from the scorching flames of sins.

Pure heart of Mary, 'neath thy care,  
Keep us forever pure like thee,  
Sweet heart of Jesus hear our prayer,  
May thy hearts be our sanctuary.

School of our girlhood years to thee,  
We pledge our love and loyalty,  
O red and gold, thro' triumph thro' strife  
Blazen our trail to endless life.

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