

***Year 13 Leavers***  
***LITURGY***  
***20<sup>th</sup> of June 2019***



***ST PETER & ST PAUL***  
***CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY***



Welcome to our Year 13 Leavers Liturgy.  
If we can begin by making the sign of the cross.

### **Student**

We are here this evening to remember, to pray and to think in hope about the future. We will thank God for our times together, for the friends we have made, for all we have learned about life from each other. Now we look forward to the next stage of our lives and consider the sort of people that we wish to become.

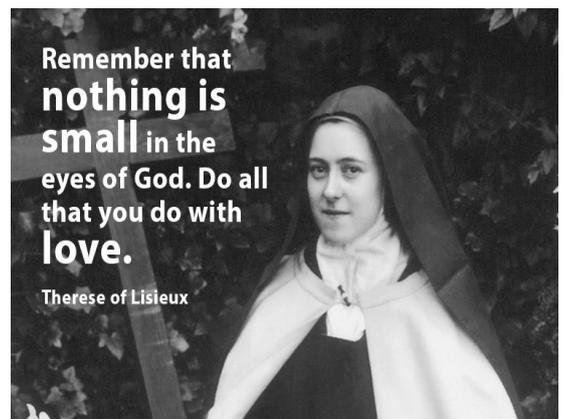
We are here this evening to thank those for helping us survive and make it to this stage. Our parents, who have tried to impart their wisdom and guidance to us for our benefit, their love for us, and selfless tenacity have been our constant resolve. Our Teachers, who have also supported us with advice, and the benefits of their experience. The growth of people is something that cannot be halted. Our children grow into adults. And we as parents and staff have watched and guided these young people gathered here this evening, mature over the years. We have shared in their joys and their sorrows, their pleasures and their anxieties and supported them along the way. As they have grown in wisdom, intelligence, faith, hope and love we now prepare ourselves for the next stage of their development.

### **Address from Head Boy and Head Girl**

#### **Mrs Le Caplain**

And so we gather together on this special and spiritual occasion to give thanks to God for bringing these young people into our lives - the life of their family and the life of the Catholic school community here in

Lincoln. We thank them for the joys they have brought to us in their time here at St Peter and St Paul Academy, and their sense of service to the community. We pray that they may continue in the act of endless giving in the next stage of their life, take the wisdom they have gained from their education and from those around them, and the wisdom they have discovered for themselves and use it to guide them through life.



#### **Mr Woodgate**

Here at St Peter and St Paul Sixth Form we have tried to:

Enable you to achieve personal success

Let you realise your own potential

Allow you to develop and use your own gifts

Deepen you knowledge and understanding of your relationship with God

Develop the skills needed for adult life

Enable you to express yourself openly

Empower you to dream and follow your dreams

Let you grow in wisdom

Encourage you to live life to the full.

#### **Address by Mr Woodgate**

**First Reading from the Book of Proverbs- Read by a year 13 Student:**

Listen, my child, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck. My child, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding - indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

My child, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favour and a good name in the sight of God and man.

Listen my child, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching. For I too was a child to my father, still tender, and cherished by my mother. Then he taught me, and he said to me, "Take hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands, and you will live. Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or turn away from them.

**The Word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

**Second Reading from the Book of James-Read by a year 13 Student:**

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into **the perfect** law that gives freedom, and continues in it - not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it - they will be blessed in what they do.

**The Word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel:**

**A reading from the Gospel of John 15:12-17**

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.

***The Gospel of the Lord***

***Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ***

**Reflection- Mrs Shinn**

4. *'It matters not what someone is born, but what they grow to be.'*

**Bidding Prayers (Students):**

We gather together on this special occasion, we thank you for the gift of wisdom. As you granted Solomon, your servant, the gift of wisdom in order that he may serve you better, may you continue to instil in us that very same gift so that we too can work in your name.

**Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer**

May we take the experiences and lessons that we have learnt so far in our life and use them to become even better people. May you help us to strive to be the best representatives of God that we can be.

**Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer**

We pray for those that have guided us along our way and have brought us safely to where we are now - our parents, our teachers, our priests, friends and our community. We thank them God for all they have done in helping us to develop and grow.

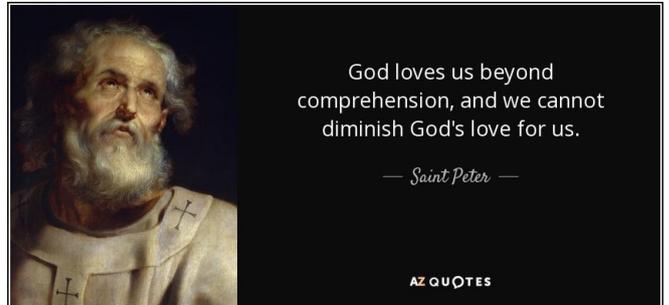
**Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer**

We now look forward to the next stage of our life, may we continue to allow you into our lives, including you in all things that we do and have the confidence to take on challenges of life, knowing that you are always by our side.

**Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer**

**Mrs Jepson**

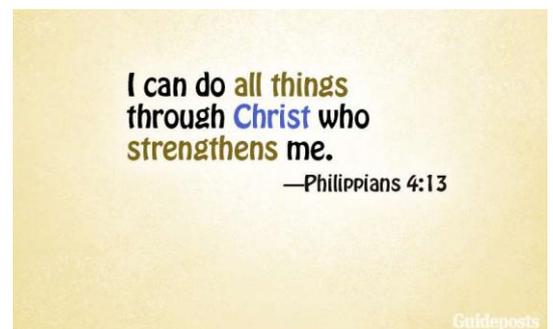
Your children are not your children.  
They are the sons and daughters of Life's  
longing for itself.  
They come through you but not from you,  
And though they are with you, yet they  
belong not to you.  
You may give them your love but not your  
thoughts.  
For they have their own thoughts.  
You may house their bodies but not their souls,  
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you  
cannot visit, not even in your dreams.  
You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you.  
For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.  
You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth.  
The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite, and He bends you with His might  
that His arrows may go swift and far.  
Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness;  
For even as he loves the arrow that flies, so He loves also the bow that is stable.



**Closing Prayer-Read by a Year 13 Student**

God our Father, bless us as we leave St Peter and St Paul Academy.  
Bless us as we leave this place where you have been present among us.  
Bless all those who have given their time to us.  
Bless all those that work and study here,  
May we go forth from here, confident in ourselves,  
and willing to serve others.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen**



**Year 13 2018/2019**

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Brandon Conlon  
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Jakub Kmiec  
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Karolina Lacina  
Joe Lynch  
Kieran Milne  
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William Oldham  
Keelan O'Reilly  
Sean O'Reilly  
Leroy Pereira  
Micael Picarra  
Jonah Sanders  
Emily Smith  
Elena Spanou  
Jacob Thorne  
Joseph Tweedle  
Theo Vickers  
Zuzanna Walaszcyk  
Morgan Wilkinson**



**We would like to thank you for joining us to celebrate our wonderful Year 13.  
Please join us for a celebration afterwards.**