

## Consecration of new altar stone

On 28 December 2010, Archbishop Miller visited Holy Family to perform the ceremony of consecration of the altar stone for our new High Altar.

- 1. Archbishop Miller, flanked by Father Geddes and Father Deprey, approaches the new High Altar at the beginning of the ceremony.**



**2. Archbishop Miller preaching at the new lectern.**



**3. Blessing the water, salt, ashes and wine for the blessing and sealing of the altar stone.**



4. This image of the blessing shows the new High Altar, handmade of red oak by Mister Vince Ferrer of Fynderskeepers Brokerage.



**5. After Archbishop Miller has placed the relics of Saint Stephen the Protomartyr and Saint Sebastian the Martyr beneath the new altar stone, Father Geddes seals the stone in place using cement mixed with Gregorian water (a combination of exorcised water, exorcised salt, ashes from the palms of Palm Sunday, and blessed wine).**



6. Watched by Archbishop Miller and the Holy Family clergy, servers light fire to the incense and wax crosses placed on the new altar stone. The five engraved crosses on the altar stone, representing the five principal wounds that Our Lord received on the cross, were first anointed with chrism, and then had incense and beeswax crosses placed in them. These then burn, representing the glorious nature of Christ's wounds after His resurrection.



7. The recession at the end of the ceremony, led by one of Holy Family's current seminarians, Anthony Uy.

