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Mass Times

Monday to Friday: 10.30 a.m. and 12.45 p.m.

Saturday: 10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. (*Vigil Mass*)

Sunday: 9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

Confessions

Monday to Saturday after the 10.30 a.m. Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday after the 10.30 a.m. Mass to 12.30 p.m.

Thank You 14th / 15th April 1st Collection €890 2nd Collection (*Share*) €1,240

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter or Good Shepherd Sunday is a special day for everyone in our parish and our Diocese. We celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We ask that we may be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit as we carry on the mission of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. We pray in thanksgiving to day for our Bishop, Priests, Religious and Deacons and for an increase in vocations in the Church. May our youth listen to God's call and be encouraged to respond generously.

The Diocesan collection for vocations to the priesthood takes place this weekend and replaces the Share Collection.

We thank you for your support and generosity.

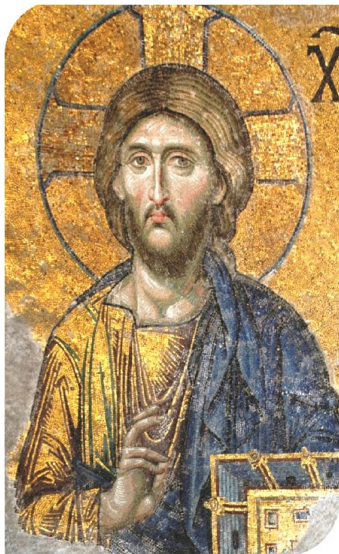
Prayer for Vocations

*O Jesus, gentle and good shepherd
You call each of us to follow you
in various ways. Help those whom
you call to follow you in ordained ministry
or religious life, to listen to your voice.
May your Holy Spirit guide them
and help them discern your call,
to give their lives in service of you.
Empower those who hear your call with the grace
and courage to take the first step
and follow the path you have carved for them.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

"Vocations are born in prayer, and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit"

Pope Francis

Reflection for Vocations Sunday



Every single person has a vocation, a calling, a dream held for us by God as to who God would have us be and what God would have us do with our lives. When we speak of "praying for vocations" it is somewhat inaccurate. Vocations are freely given by God. What we are really praying for is God's help to find and follow our own particular call.

At this time in our part of the world, the call to a life of service and ministry in the Church is not very popular, for a variety of reasons. It's not so much that God is not calling, so much as people might not be tuned in too well to listening! Another element is that whilst God does the calling, it is up to us to do the informing and inviting; that is telling people about religious life, diaconate and priesthood – the fulfilment and joy it can bring – and actively inviting/encouraging them to think about it as a possible choice.

Imagine if, in every parish and faith community, people were encouraged to spend a few minutes discerning who in their midst might be a possible candidate for religious life/priesthood? Then, if they gently and sensitively shared the fruit of their reflection with that person, saying what they saw in the person and then left it for him/her to think and pray about it? What would happen? Only God knows!

As well as full time ministry, every community has a need for willing people to serve as readers, ministers of the Eucharist, Mass servers, catechists or members of various committees.

God's Kingdom needs people willing to say yes and give their hands, feet and hearts Jesus the Good Shepherd is saying, "Whom shall I send?"

What are you saying in reply?