



## JEREMIAH 1: 5; 29: 11-14



**"God has created me to do him some definite service."  
St John Henry Newman.**



Lord, help me listen for the call of God in my life. Help me understand what the Holy Spirit is asking of me, and help me be open to follow that invitation, with courage and a trusting heart. May you guide me and keep me safe.

Amen.





## GOD'S DREAM FOR YOU

The theme of this year's Vocation Sunday is:  
**God's dream for you.**

All of us have dreams, we dream of a happy and fulfilled life. We imagine how that happiness and fulfilment can come about. But God also has dreams for us. And although His dreams are also for our happiness and fulfilment, God's dreams for us don't always correspond to our own. God's dreams for us are far more exciting, ambitious and daring. Sometimes we don't know what the future holds. We don't have a clear blueprint of how our journey will unfold. But if we are faithful to God in daily and simple ways then the journey will take care of itself. He will lead us to where He wants us to be. We are all called, we all have a vocation and we are invited this week and always to not be afraid to become fully alive, fully ourselves.

### GOD CALLS YOU PERSONALLY

God is interested in you personally and He calls you personally. Pope Francis has commented on this personal aspect of vocation: "In calling us God says: "You are important to me, I love you, I count on you."

### YOUR VOCATION IS AN EXPRESSION OF WHO YOU ARE

"Be who you are meant to be and you will set the whole world on fire.": These are the words of St Catherine of Siena. It's tempting to think of our vocation as something you do. When we speak of vocation we don't always mean a job or career. Your vocation is the way God invites you to love.

## LISTENING FOR THE CALL

This week we reflect on the idea of vocation, what God calls us to do with our lives.

On Sunday the Church celebrated Vocations Sunday where we are all encouraged to pray for our vocation to be revealed, and for others to listen to their personal call from God too.

What are you called to do with your life?  
God calls us all, but do we make time to listen or pay attention to how God might be calling us?  
Do we pay attention to and celebrate our God given gifts and talents? How might they point us in the direction of our vocation?  
How might God reveal our vocation to us?

*Where the needs of the world  
and your talents cross,  
there lies your vocation.*

- Aristotle -

The quote above might help you to think about how you can reflect deeper on your own vocation. Take a moment in silence to think about what this quote means for you and your vocation.

## THE CALLING OF ST MATTHEW

Vocation comes from the latin word for "calling". Jesus called his disciples to follow him.

Matthew was one of those disciples called by Jesus. Matthew was a tax collector and not well liked at all. Tax collectors were often greedy and would cheat people by charging them too much money. Matthew was the same, he wanted to make money and become rich. Then one day he met Jesus, who asked him to become one of his followers.

Everyone was surprised that Jesus had even spoken to Matthew. They could not understand why Jesus was befriending him; they were even more surprised when Matthew agreed.

They thought that Jesus would just choose good honest people to be his disciples.

The story of Matthew's vocation shows us how God calls us all, no matter who we are or what we have done, to follow him.

Watch this: The Calling of Matthew  
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**"I HAVE DONE WHAT IS MINE TO DO;  
MAY CHRIST TEACH YOU WHAT IS  
YOURS TO DO."  
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI.**

