



# VOCATION



## WORD OF THE WEEK

JEREMIAH 1: 5; 29: 11-14

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart;...”

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the Lord.”



“God has created me to do him some definite service.”  
St John Henry Newman.



### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

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.

## VOCATIONS SUNDAY

In 1964, Pope Paul VI, launched the Vocations Sunday, which since then we celebrate on the fourth Sunday of Easter. This year it is on the 30th April (last Sunday), and this year marks the 60th anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

As Catholics and people of God we should know that God is calling us and had a plan for each of us. He calls each of us by name and continues to call and cry out to us each day to be his disciples, his friends.

There is nobody who is not being called.

So this week we are invited to ask the question:

What is God calling you for?

Along with the whole Church, we are also encouraged this week to pray for vocations. We pray this week that everyone will be open to listening to God's call on their life and have the courage to respond to it.

### 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 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.

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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.



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