

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



"I HAVE DONE WHAT IS MINE TO DO; MAY CHRIST TEACH YOU WHAT IS YOURS TO DO."
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI.



Vocation



This week we are encouraged to recognise the voice of Jesus in our lives so we are able to live our lives to the full.



Word of the Week

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John (John 10:1-10)

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it to the full.



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Prayer for the Week

Loving Father, you call us by name. As we journey through life help us to be confident in our own unique identity and to find opportunities to develop our own gifts and passions.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will pour on us wisdom and guidance to help us realise and follow our dreams, discerning your plan for our lives.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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?



Vocation

The word "vocation" can mean different things to different people. The prophet Jeremiah used words like "plans" and "call" to describe how he understood God at work in his life. Today we hear words like "purpose" or "meaning" to describe the search for deeper understanding about our lives.

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.



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.



WATCH AND LISTEN

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Vocation Reflection
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