



St. Bede's Catholic School &  
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Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

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Vocation



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# Mission Statement

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We take a few moments of stillness to ready our hearts and minds.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



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# Opening Prayer

As we gather this morning, we ask the Lord to be with us as we begin a new week.

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

**Amen.**



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# This weeks theme is Vocation.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday, and is marked as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this day is to fulfil Jesus' instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38), this marks the 61st Anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Vocations.



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A reading from Matthew: 9:38

Ask the master of the harvest  
therefore to send workers to gather  
his harvest.

The Word of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## Reflection

In this scripture, Christ tells his followers that although the harvest is plentiful (there is lots of it) there are not enough workers to gather it in. He then commands those followers to pray that the Lord will send out workers to gather it in. Using this analogy he means that there are a lot of people in the world who need to be cared for and brought to God.



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# Opening Prayer

As we gather this morning, we ask the Lord to be with us as we begin a new day.

**Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with thee;  
Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is  
the fruit of thy womb Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.**

Amen



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The word vocation simple means a calling to do a job that suits the person best. It is also the desire to do a particular job especially a religious career like being a priest.

For religious people, a vocation is often something they feel God has asked them to do.

In Matthew 4: 16-22, we find the very first call (vocation) to Christian life. This was The Call of the Disciples.

*As Jesus was walking along the shore of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." At once, they left their nets and followed him. Jesus went a little farther on and saw James and John, the sons of Zebedee; they were in their boats mending their nets. Immediately, Jesus called them and they followed him, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men.*

*Matthew 4: 16-22*

Discussion point: Jesus calls the disciples and at this point dedicates his life to serving and teaching them.

Why do you think it was necessary for Jesus to personally teach the disciples during his life on earth?

Discuss



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Let us put ourselves in the presence of God as we make the sign of the cross.

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# Opening Prayer

As we gather this morning, let us pray together the prayer Our Father taught us:

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name;  
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in Heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our  
trespasses.**

**As we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead  
us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil**

**Amen**



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## Reading: A reading from John 10:11-18 Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandon the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. The Father loves me because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will and as it is in my power to lay it down again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father."

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

## Reflection:

In the reading we are reminded that God loves and cares for us and that He protects us at all times. Just as a shepherd watches out for the needs of the lambs and see that they have what they need, God provides for us.



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## Reading: A reading from Jeramiah 29:11-14

For I know what plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for peace and not for disaster, plans to give you hope and a future. When you call upon me and come to pray with me, I will listen to you. When you seek me, you will find me and when you search for me with all your heart I will let you find me, declares the Lord, and, I will restore your fortunes and will gather you from among all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

## Reflection:

The reading from Jeramiah tells us that God has a plan for each one of us. It is for us to listen to determine what that plan might be. We are also told when we things are difficult for us, Jesus knows this and is there to help, if we want it.



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Let us begin our day together in the presence of the Lord.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



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This week you have listened to scripture in which we are told that we are called to be of service and that God has a plan for each and everyone of us.

it is tricky to know what that plan might be but if we listen to God, He will help us discover what it is.

Let us join together in prayer.

Lord, help us to believe that we are all ordinary people made extraordinary through your vision and your power. Take our insecurities and feelings of inadequacy and give us the courage to see ourselves and others as you see us, with gifts and potential to transform your world and build your Kingdom

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Lord, you call us by our names. Help us to be confident in our own unique identity. To find opportunities to develop our specific gifts and our passions. Enable us to hear and recognise the call of Jesus in our lives, and those of others. Help us to find appropriate and life-giving ways to spread your Good News in a way which draws others to you and helps them experience your radical and extraordinary love Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**





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# Closing prayer

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name;  
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**Amen**

**St Bede,  
Pray for us**



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the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen