

MOUNT GAMBIER AND MILLICENT PARISHES
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2020
THE GOOD SHEPHERD / VOCATION SUNDAY

This Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please set aside time to pray for an increase of vocations, especially to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Universal Prayer

World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

1. For Pope Francis and the whole Catholic Church,
that as we pray the Rosary of Mary in our homes
during this month of May,
we ask that, through Christ,
our broken and fearful world will be healed.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
2. For our Archbishop Designate Patrick O'Regan
as he begins his journey to Adelaide this week,
that he will be a brother to the priests
and a shepherd after the Heart of Jesus for the people.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
3. For priests, deacons and religious
who are giving dedicated nursing and pastoral care
to the sick at this time, that they may be an inspiration
for youths and young adults considering their vocation in life.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
4. For the Church across the world on this Vocations Sunday,
that in those places where the service of priest and deacons
and the witness of the religious is sparse,
the Holy Spirit will call forth new vocations.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

5. For students and families, teachers, lecturers and staff in schools and universities, and education leaders, that they will work together with confidence and create safe and calm environments.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
6. For those places where war and violence and religious persecution continues, that responding to the appeal of the General Secretary of the United Nations, Pope Francis and other religious leaders, there may be a cease fire in every place, giving hope for peace.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
7. For the many priests and religious who have died in this coronavirus pandemic, along with Archbishop Leonard Faulkner on his second anniversary of death next Tuesday, that they will pass through
Jesus, the Gate of the Sheepfold and have life to the full.
We also remember
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

Archdiocesan Prayer for Vocations

Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church. Watch over those who are baptised in your name and grant peace and harmony to all families. We ask you to choose from the families of our parishes many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved. Amen.

Prayer for Vocations (St John Paul II)

Lord Jesus, as once you called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let Your sweet invitation continue to resound: "Come, follow Me."

Give men and women the grace of responding quickly to Your voice.

Sustain our bishops, priests and consecrated people in their apostolic labor.

Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life of totally consecrated to Your service.

Mary, Mother of the Church, model of every vocation, help us to say "Yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS (Source: EWTN)

Lord Jesus, we your people pray to You for our priests. You have given them to us for our needs. We pray for them in their needs.

We know that You have made them priests in the likeness of your own priesthood. You have consecrated them, set them aside, anointed them, filled them with the Holy Spirit, appointed them to teach, to preach, to minister, to console, to forgive, and to feed us with Your Body and Blood.

Yet we know, too, that they are one with us and share our human weaknesses. We know too that they are tempted to sin and discouragement as are we, needing to be ministered to, as do we, to be consoled and forgiven, as do we. Indeed, we thank You for choosing them from among us, so that they understand us as we understand them, suffer with us and rejoice with us, worry with us and trust with us, share our beings, our lives, our faith.

We ask that You give them this day the gift You gave Your chosen ones on the way to Emmaus: Your presence in their hearts, Your holiness in their souls, Your joy in their spirits. And let them see You face to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread.

O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your sons who are close to you because of their priestly ordination and because of the power which they have received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs them so much. Be their comfort, be their joy, be their strength, and especially help them to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Pope Francis' prayer to Mary during the Corona Virus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Prayer for Christian Unity

Lord Jesus Christ, at your Last Supper you prayed to the Father that all should be one. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who bear your name and seek to serve you. Strengthen our faith in you and make us love one another in humility. May we who have been reborn in one baptism all be united in our faith under one Shepherd. Amen.

FROM THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

On this day, Lord God, you opened for us the way to eternal life through your only Son's victory over death. Grant that as we celebrate the feast of his resurrection we may be renewed by your Holy Spirit and rise again in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you. Amen

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

***Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.***

Comunione Spirituale

**Gesù mio,
io credo che sei realmente
presente
nel Santissimo Sacramento.**

**Ti amo sopra ogni cosa
e ti desidero nell' anima mia.
Poiché ora non posso riceverti
sacramentalmente,
vieni almeno spiritualmente nel
mio cuore.**

**Come già venuto,
io ti abbraccio e tutto mi unisco a
te;
non permettere che mi abbia mai
a separare da te.
Amen.**