

5 August: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)
(1st Sunday of National Vocations Awareness Week)

National Vocations Awareness Week: 5 - 12 August 2012

Today, we begin National Vocations Awareness Week. This weekend we focus on each person's vocation, especially our primary vocation - the call to holiness. The call to holiness is to become all that God has created us to be, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, and soul and to share our gifts and talents for the common good of all society. We pray that our young people will hear the call to dedicate their lives to God and make a commitment to serve God's people. If we have already committed to a particular vocation, such as single or marriage, priesthood or consecrated life we also pray for God's grace to rededicate ourselves and continue to live out this call in our life.

Something to think about:

What / who helps me to reflect on how God is calling me at this moment?

In what way do you, your family and this parish community support and encourage young people to dedicate their life to God?

For more information about National Vocations Awareness Week, visit www.cam.org.au/vocations

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL – 5 August 2012 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Loving God, your Word today reminds us to, "make yourself rich in the sight of God!" You know our needs and those on whose behalf we pray. Listen now to the longings of our hearts.

1. For Archbishop Hart, priests and leaders of the Church: That they may be assisted in moving into the uncertainties of the future and be empowered to lead the Church through the winds and waves of adversity. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. For the Archdiocese of Melbourne: May each of us be renewed by the Holy Spirit and experience the fullness of life according to our particular call. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. For young men whom God is calling to the Priesthood: May they hear God's call in their life and be encouraged to answer that call through the support of our prayers. We pray especially for all studying in our seminary at present. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. For all young people in our Church: May they be helped in their discernment of their life's calling, whether that be to the Priesthood, Consecrated Life, Marriage or Single Life. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. For our families and parish communities: May they encourage young people to respond to the promptings of God's Spirit in following their individual Christian vocation. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. For those who are sick and those who have been called to eternal life be in God's care. We pray especially for and the deceased Priests of our Archdiocese. Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: God of life, we ask you to hear our prayers, those we have spoken and those deepest within our hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

12 August: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)
(2nd Sunday of National Vocations Awareness Week)

National Vocations Awareness Week: 5 - 12 August 2012

On this second Sunday of National Vocations Week, we focus on the vocations of Ordained Ministry & Consecrated Life. We remember those who sense a call to share in the life and mission of the church as priest, deacon or in a religious congregation or order. We pray for the young men and women whom God is calling to become diocesan priests, deacons, religious priests and religious brothers or sisters. In a special way pray for priests called to our Archdiocese that will lead us to Christ, bring together our communities through God's word and the breaking of Christ's body and blood and reconcile us to God through the sacrament of reconciliation.

Something to think about:

What / who helps me to reflect on how God is calling me at this moment?

In what way do you, your family and this parish community support and encourage young men and women to consider a call to religious life?

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - 12 August 2012 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: God of life, your Word today reminds us that you are always with us, especially through Jesus, the Bread of Life. We know that you are a God who listens, and so we pray for the needs of our world:

1. For our Church Leaders: May all who are in positions of leadership within our Church consciously model their lives on Jesus, and show real care for your people. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. For the Archdiocese of Melbourne: May each of us be renewed by the Holy Spirit and experience the fullness of life according to our particular call. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. For those who are searching for their vocation in life: May they have the courage, honesty and openness to search earnestly for the vocation that will bring them to life in its fullness. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. For those whom God is inviting to serve the Church through the priesthood and religious life: May they respond confidently and wholeheartedly to your call, and receive the support of their families, friends and parish community. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. For those who are raising families: May they nurture faith, prayer and love for you, and cultivate in the families a vocations culture through which their children will be supported and empowered to discern to the vocation that will lead them to fullness of life. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. For those who are sick and those who have been called to eternal life be in God's care. We pray especially for May they live forever in the fullness of your presence. Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Loving God, your care for us never falters. We are confident that you hear all of our prayers, those we have spoken, and those still deep within our hearts. Through Christ our Lord.