



Mass for Vocations

*(An Initiative of the North Staffordshire Deanery Vocations Promotion Group)
Welcoming members of our Diocesan Family in Schools and at Home*



*“A vocation
flows from the
heart of God and
blossoms in the
good soil of
faithful people”*

Pope Francis

Celebrant: Archbishop Bernard Longley

There will be music at this Mass. Please join in as best you can, mindful that some might be in settings where group singing is less appropriate.

All stand

Here I am to Worship

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

*Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

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

Peace be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Penitential Act

**I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Opening Prayer:

Grant us, O merciful God, protection in our weakness,
that we, who keep the Memorial of the Immaculate Mother of God,
may, with the help of her intercession,
rise up from our iniquities.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All sit

The Liturgy of the Word

First reading

Acts 13:46-49

Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116

R./ Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News

O praise the Lord all you nations,
acclaim him, all you peoples. **R./**

Strong is his love for us,
He is faithful for ever. **R./**

All stand

Gospel Acclamation

**Glory, alleluia! Let his glory shine, Glory, alleluia! Love is yours and mine
Glory, alleluia! Sing his praises, all the time**

Follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you into fishers of men.

**Glory, alleluia! Let his glory shine
Glory, alleluia! Love is yours and mine
Glory, alleluia! Sing his praises, all the time**

Gospel

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea 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 into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

The Homily

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Offertory

Take, O take me as I am

**Take, O take me as I am
Summon out what I shall be
Set your seal upon my heart
And live in me**

All stand

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we ask, the prayers of your people
with the sacrificial offerings,
that, through the intercession of Blessed Mary,
the Mother of your Son,
no petition may go unanswered,
no request be made in vain.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And with your spirit.
We lift them up to the Lord.
It is right and just.**

Preface

...as with one voice we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Bless-ed, bless-ed, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

All kneel if possible, or be seated.

Memorial Acclamation

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

...Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All stand

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is 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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Prayer for Peace

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

All kneel if possible, or be seated.

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Prayer of Spiritual Communion for the Year of St Joseph

**Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
Son of God and Son of Mary,
through the intercession of St Joseph,
your earthly Guardian and guardian of the Church,
unite us with the gift of your Real presence,
your Sacrament and Sacrifice,
which feeds your Church along the path of holiness.
Amen.**

My Hands are Yours

**Jesus, you can use my hands, use my hands to serve you in the world.
Jesus, you can use my hands: my hands are yours, my hands are yours.**

I am a disciple for you, Jesus; to bring Good News, to shine for you.

**Jesus, you can use my feet, use my feet to walk beside you, in the world.
Jesus you can use my feet: my feet are yours, my feet are yours.**

I am a disciple for you, Jesus; to bring Good News, to shine for you.

**Jesus, you can use my voice, use my voice to praise you in the world.
Jesus, you can use my voice; my voice is yours, my voice is yours.**

**I will be the light to shine for Jesus, I will be the gentleness of his grace.
I will be a sign for all of his love and mercy: Jesus, I will shine for you, Jesus, I will shine for you.**

**Jesus, you can use my life, use my life to serve you in the world.
Jesus, you can use my life: what's mine is yours, what's mine is yours.
what's mine is yours, what's mine is yours.**

All stand

Prayer after Communion

As we receive this heavenly Sacrament,
we beseech, O Lord, your mercy,
that we, who rejoice in commemorating the Blessed Virgin Mary,
may by imitating her
serve worthily the mystery of our redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Concluding Rite

Blessing

The Lord be with you.
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Our help is in the name of the Lord

**And with your spirit.
Now and for ever
Who made heaven and earth**

May almighty God bless you, the Father + and the Son + and the Holy Spirit + **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. **Thanks be to God.**

Let His Glory Shine

*Glory, alleluia! Let his glory shine, Glory, alleluia! Love is yours and mine
Glory, alleluia! Sing his praises, all the time*

We're going on a journey.
Let's go hand in hand
We'll gather each and everyone
Spread throughout the land.
We're going to the mountain
And to the top we'll climb
Hand in hand we'll make a stand
And let his glory shine

We're going on a journey.
Let's go hand in hand
We'll gather each and everyone
Spread throughout the land.
We're going to the river
His waters will revive
One by one we'll sing his song
And let his glory shine

We're going on a journey.
Let's go hand in hand
We'll gather each and everyone
Spread throughout the land.
We're going to the vineyard
The branches of his vine
Side by side we'll sing with pride
And let his glory shine

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www.vocations.org.uk

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