

Holy Hour for



Vocations

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF WATERFORD & LISMORE

Lord Jesus, you have told us that
"The harvest is great, but the labourers are
few. Pray therefore, the Lord of the harvest
to send labourers into his fields." (Lk 10:2)

We ask you, Lord,
to send labourers into your fields,
which are awaiting holy priests,
heroic missionaries,
dedicated brothers and sisters.
We pray in particular for vocations
to Priesthood & Religious Life
in our Diocese of Waterford & Lismore.
Enkindle in the hearts of our young people
the grace and courage
to hear and answer your call.
May they respond with generosity,
freedom and joy. May their lives serve
as a witness to the fact that our deepest joy
is to be found in you alone.
Grant that Christian families may encourage
and affirm such vocations,
and that they may desire to give to
your Church helpers in proclaiming the
Good News to the world of tomorrow. Amen

*The following may be used during a parish celebration of a Eucharistic Holy Hour,
but is equally suitable for personal prayer during adoration.*

OPENING HYMN [During the hymn the Blessed Sacrament is exposed]

Gospel Reading

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (1:35-42)

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "**Behold, the Lamb of God.**" The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "**What are you looking for?**" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "**Come, and see.**" So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "**We have found the Messiah**". Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John; you will be called Peter".

SILENT PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Take time to reflect on the Gospel in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Are there particular words / phrases that stood out for you? What challenged you or encouraged you? If Jesus asked you, "What are you looking for?" how would you respond to Him in this moment?

ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS: THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES



The Baptism of the Lord

At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus is baptised in the Jordan by his cousin, John. A voice from heaven is heard, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Pray for all young people searching for meaning and purpose, that they will know God has a plan for their lives and respond with courage and joy.



The Wedding at Cana

Responding to Mary's request, Jesus turns water into an abundance of finest wine at Cana, working His first public miracle in the heart of a family.

Pray for the families of those called to priesthood, consecrated or religious life, that they will respond generously and lovingly.



The Proclamation of the Kingdom

Jesus preaches the Good News of the coming of the Kingdom of God all over Galilee and Judea, calling people to a conversion of heart and a deeper relationship with the Father, themes repeated right throughout his ministry.

Pray for priests, deacons and religious to be faithful to the Gospel and courageous in calling all hearts to conversion and ever deeper union with the heart of God the Father.



The Transfiguration

On Mount Tabor, Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James and John, giving them a glimpse of His divinity shining through His humanity, to strengthen them before His passion and death. Vocations are a divine and supernatural calling to remind a broken world of God's ever-present Divine Love and Power.

Pray for a deeper understanding of the great gift and mystery of the call to priesthood, diaconate and religious life. "The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus", St Jean Vianney.



The Institution of the Eucharist

On Holy Thursday, Jesus celebrates the Last Supper with His disciples, instituting the priesthood and calling them to service.

Pray for the priests, deacons and bishop of our diocese, that their lives may always be modelled on Christ.

After the Rosary, you may wish to observe another time of silence.

HYMN

INTERCESSIONS FOR VOCATIONS

Through your mercy & love

R: Send workers into Your harvest, O Lord.

Through the prayers of Your people

R: Send workers into Your harvest, O Lord.

Through the power of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

R: Send workers into Your harvest, O Lord.

Through families open to the call to serve

R: Send workers into Your harvest, O Lord.

Through our Parish witnessing to the joy of the Gospel

R: Send workers into Your harvest, O Lord.

Through the example of priests and religious

R: Send workers into Your harvest, O Lord.

Through a renewed faithfulness to the Gospel

R: Send workers into Your harvest, O Lord.

That young people might hear the call to give their lives for the mission of the Church

R: O Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.

That all priests and religious might be renewed in the spirit of the new evangelisation

R: O Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.

That Bishops might be strengthened to be courageous shepherds,

R: O Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.

That we may always pray for and promote vocations

R: O Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.

That those who are being called to be priests and religious might respond generously

R: O Lord of the harvest, graciously hear us.



We ask the intercession of Mary our Mother and all the Saints.

Mary Mother of Vocations, *pray with us for vocations.*

St Joseph, *pray with us for vocations.*

St Patrick, *pray with us for vocations.*

St Brigid, *pray with us for vocations.*

St John Paul II, *pray with us for vocations*

St Declan, St Otteran and St Carthage, *pray with us for vocations.*

St Ita, *pray with us for vocations.*

Bl Edmund Rice, *pray with us for vocations.*

The names of Saints particular to your Parish may be inserted here...

St....., *pray with us for vocations.*

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All holy men and women, pray with us for vocations.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

If a Priest is present Benediction may be held. If not the following prayers may be recited before the Sacrament is reposed

HYMN

Tantum Ergo / O Sacrament most Holy / or another suitable hymn may be sung.

DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste Spouse.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints



After the Blessed Sacrament is reposed, and a hymn to our Lady may conclude the Holy Hour.