



NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK **Weekends 3/4 August and 10/11 August** **2024**

SUGGESTED NEWSLETTER ITEMS

For Weekend 27/28 July

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Over the next two weekends throughout the Church in Australia we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week. In the first week, we acknowledge the unique call or vocation that God has for each of us through our Baptisms. In the second week, we acknowledge the unique calls to the Consecrated Life of Sisters and Brothers, to the Diaconate and to the Priesthood.

For the Weekend of 3/4 August

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

This Sunday throughout the Church in Australia we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week. This week we affirm and pray for all the baptized who are uniquely called by God. We acknowledge the Single Life, Married Life and Family Life, as well as all Lay Ministries within the Church. **Please note** that next weekend there will be a leaving collection for Vocations.

For the Weekend of 10/11 August

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Today is the second weekend of National Vocation Awareness Week. In the context of the call to all the baptized we especially pray for an increase in vocations to the Consecrated Life of Sisters and Brothers, to the Diaconate and to the Priesthood.

LEAVING COLLECTION

There is a leaving collection today at all Masses for the support of all studying for the Priesthood in our Archdiocese. We currently have two young men studying at the Holy Spirit Seminary in Brisbane, Godwin James and Antony Sebastian. Please remember them in your prayers, and also those preparing for the Permanent Diaconate.



**National Vocation Awareness Week
Celebration of the Eucharist
Weekend 1 3/4 August 2024**

In place of the Penitential Rite: The Rite for the Sprinkling and Blessing of Water (Roman Missal Appendix II) to affirm the call to mission of all the baptized.

Universal Prayer (select)

Celebrant: Loving God, listen to the prayers of our heart as we place our faith and trust in you.

1 Help us to celebrate all vocations and your call to family life, to the consecrated life and to the priesthood, as well as the other service ministries of the single life, permanent diaconate and the various lay ministries. Loving God, hear us.

R/ Loving God, hear our prayer.

2 Help us to nurture a spirit of discernment within ourselves and our children so that we can listen to the true desires of our heart and respond fully with courage to the movements of the Spirit who brings joy, happiness and vitality.

Loving God, hear us.

R/ Loving God, hear our prayer.

3 We pray that whatever our vocation in life, we will journey together and complement each other to make your presence real in the lives of all whom we meet.

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4 We pray that all our fellow-travelers will create the space to truly listen, discern and respond to your call beckoning them forward as missionary disciples to make your love tangible in our world. Loving God, hear us.

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5 We pray for all who have gone before us and who have responded in faith, hope and love to your call. Today, we pray especially for

that they may enjoy the glory of the Risen Lord as they share in the fruit of their labours.

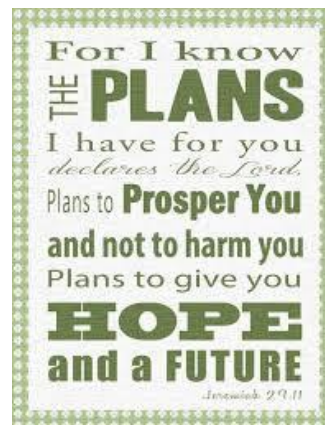
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Celebrant: Loving God, in this spirit let us continue together to move forward and strain ahead towards all that truly matters. We make our prayer through the heart of Christ, your Son and our Lord.

All: Amen

National Vocation Awareness Week Celebration of the Eucharist Weekend 2 - 10/11 August 2024



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2 We pray for all who guide us in our discernment that they may be wise and holy leaders true to the call you have entrusted to them. Loving God, hear us.

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3 We pray for generosity of heart and the courage to step-out and risk whatever is needed to listen and respond to your call in our lives. Loving God, hear us.

R/ Loving God, hear our prayer.

4 We pray for an increase in response to your call to the Religious Life, Diaconate and Priesthood so that together with families, your kingdom of love may be manifested in the lives of all. Loving God, hear us.

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Commentator: There is a **leaving collection today** at all Masses for those studying for Priesthood and the Permanent Diaconate.

Thank you for your generosity.

Resources:

You are invited to reflect upon the Message from Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations



[Message for the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2024 | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#)

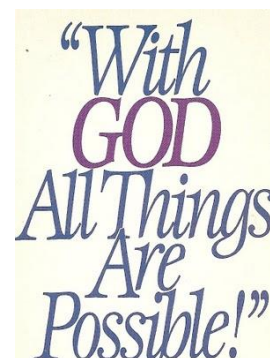


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Please highlight these links in your parish bulletin or board regularly
[Australian Bishops Conference Vocations to Priesthood](#)



Pathways to Priesthood
Articles
[Home \(catholic.org.au\)](http://catholic.org.au)

[Catholic Religious Australia](#)



Reflecting on the Journey
[Vocations and Initial Formation Resources — Catholic Religious Australia](#)



Gospel Reflections
[Gospel Reflections — Catholic Religious Australia](#)

[Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life](#)



Resources
[Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life \(laityfamilylife.va\)](http://laityfamilylife.va)



Catechetical Pathways for Married Life
[Catechumenal Pathways ENG.pdf \(laityfamilylife.va\)](#)



Events
[2024 \(laityfamilylife.va\)](http://laityfamilylife.va)

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