

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Vocations Sunday
Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant:

Called together in the Holy Spirit, we are God's people, the sheep of his flock. With great confidence we bring our prayers before him:

1. For Francis our Pope, Tom our Bishop and all the pastors of the Church; that they may listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd and lead His people in the ways of eternal life. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For parents, priests, and teachers, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit and encourage young people to hear and respond to God's call in their lives. **Lord, hear us.**
3. Gentle Shepherd, we pray for peace in Sudan. May those who covet power and walk the path of war and conflict, commit to peace, healing, justice and understanding. **Lord, hear us.**
4. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, may the Holy Spirit help those discerning priesthood to recognise the voice of the Risen Lord in their hearts and follow him. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For those who have gone astray or do not recognise the Lord's voice in their lives; may they respond to the call of the Good shepherd who draws them to the fullness of life in Him. **Lord, hear us.**
6. As we begin the Year for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood in Ireland, we pray for all discerning the call to priesthood. Provide them with hope-filled, joyful witnesses to inspire and encourage them. **Lord, hear us.**

7. For all who have died, that the Good Shepherd may lead them to living water in eternal life. **Lord, hear us.**

Celebrant:

Almighty and ever-loving God, you have made us your children, confident to call you Father. Increase your spirit of love within us that we may follow you, our Good Shepherd. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.