

# **Bulletin “Blurbs” For Vocations**

## **From Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ – Feast of Christ the King**

### **Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” (John 6) These were the words of Jesus as he explained the sacrament of the Eucharist. The Eucharist brings the Body and Blood of Christ to us today, from God, working through the words and actions of the Catholic priest. Is God calling you to serve the Church in this awesome way? If you’ve thought about a possible priestly vocation and would like to speak with someone, contact the **Vocation Centre 02 49283521 or 0417294221** or email: [vocations@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@mn.catholic.org.au)

### **14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Over and over Scripture emphasizes the importance of humility of heart. Jesus says we must become like children to enter the kingdom of heaven; and, those who are ‘last’ will be made ‘first’. In today’s gospel he says, “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.” (Matthew 11:29) Following God’s will for us means letting go of all that prevents us from walking humbly with our God.

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### **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The seed sown on rich soil is like “the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit...” (Matthew 13) Vocations are seeds God plants in our hearts. They are God’s generous invitation to follow a particular path to holiness. In order for those seeds to bear fruit, we need to provide fertile soil, cultivated through prayer and careful listening for God’s voice. How is God inviting you to “bear fruit” for the world? Have you ever considered a Church vocation in ordained, religious ministry? **Vocation Centre 02 49283521 or 0417294221** or email: [vocations@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@mn.catholic.org.au)

### **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Please pray for those who are discerning the ministry of Permanent Diaconate, Consecrated Life and Priesthood. May God bless us with gifted and faith-filled women and men to serve our local Church of Maitland-Newcastle.

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### **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“All things work for good for those who love God, who are **called** according to God’s purpose.” (Romans 8) We know that each of us is called to do a specific task in building up God’s kingdom on Earth, and that specific task is our personal vocation. God has promised to reveal the unique vocation for which each of us was created. We just need to be open to listening for God’s voice. **Vocation Centre 02 49283521 or 0417294221** or email:

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### **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Nothing can separate us “from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8) As we grow in relationship with our loving God, through Jesus, we are better able to discern the purpose for which God created us...our vocation. Discovering our vocations begins with an intimate, prayerful relationship with the God who loved us into being. **Vocation Centre 02 49283521 or 0417294221** or email: [vocations@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@mn.catholic.org.au)

### **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

When the Lord spoke to Elijah on Mount Horeb, the Lord was not in the wind; the Lord was not in the earthquake; the Lord was not in the fire. No, the Lord spoke to Elijah in a tiny whisper. (1 Kings 19) Let us not allow our lives to become too ‘noisy’ to hear the gentle voice of God speaking to us. **Vocation Centre 02 49283521 or 0417294221** or email: [vocations@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@mn.catholic.org.au)

### **20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Please pray for our seminarian, Peter Street, as he continues discerning a call to serve as a priest for the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. Let us also pray that each of us discovers the vocation God calls us to.

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### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please pray for those who may be discerning if God is calling them to serve as priests for the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. If you'd like to know more about the diocesan priesthood, contact the **Vocation Centre 02 49283521 or 0417294221** or email: [vocations@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@mn.catholic.org.au)

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may **discern** what is the **will** of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.” (Romans 12:2) How do we discern God's will? We discover God's will for us - our **vocation** - through an intimate and prayerful relationship with Jesus. **Vocation Centre 02 49283521 or 0417294221** or email: [vocations@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@mn.catholic.org.au)

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20) How fortunate we are to have a God who wants to be with us – who wants to be included in all aspects of our lives whether exciting or boring, happy or sad. Do we remember to let God be an active participant in the decisions of our everyday lives? **Vocation Centre 02 49283521 or 0417294221** or email: [vocations@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@mn.catholic.org.au)

### 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

‘Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. Our ministry as a faith community is one of forgiveness. Jesus gives us an example to follow – the supreme example of forgiveness. Are we willing to empty ourselves in service to others and forgiveness of others, so that God can lift us up to eternal life? Call the **Vocation Centre 02 49283521 or 0417294221** or email: [vocations@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@mn.catholic.org.au)

### 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.” (Isaiah 55: 8) God knows our hearts and minds better than we know ourselves. Trust God to guide you to use your personal gifts in the best way possible to serve others and build God's Kingdom on Earth. Might that be as an ordained priest or deacon, sister, or brother? **Vocation Centre 02 49283521 or 0417294221** or email: [vocations@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@mn.catholic.org.au)

### 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves.” (Philippians 2:3) That was the attitude of Jesus. When we give of ourselves in service to others, we imitate the actions of Jesus. Have you ever considered a life of service to the Church in the form of a lay, religious, or ordained vocation? **Vocation Centre 02 49283521 or 0417294221** or email: [vocations@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@mn.catholic.org.au)

### 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition ... make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6) Are you looking for direction for your life? God promises to reveal to us the unique vocation for which we were created, whether married, single, religious, or ordained life. Pray, and ask God to lead you to your heart's content. **Vocation Centre 02 49283521 or 0417294221** or email: [vocations@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@mn.catholic.org.au)

### 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“I can do all things in him who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:13) Have you ever felt God may be calling you to a life of service in the Church? Have you also felt you may not have the gifts needed for a Church vocation? Trust that God will lead you in the right direction and, if you'd like to speak to someone about serving the Church as an ordained priest in Maitland-Newcastle, call the **Vocation Centre 02 49283521 or 0417294221** or email: [vocations@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@mn.catholic.org.au)

### 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“I have called you by your name.” (Isaiah 45:1) God calls each of us by name and invites us, each in a unique way, to use our gifts and talents to build up the Kingdom on Earth. That is our personal vocation. How is God calling you? Have you ever considered a life in service to our local Church as a diocesan priest? **Vocation Centre 02 49283521 or 0417294221** or email: [vocations@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@mn.catholic.org.au)

### **30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” Is Jesus calling you to manifest this love through an ordained or religious vocation? Would you like to talk to someone about it? Call the **Vocation Centre 02 49283521 or 0417294221** or email: [vocations@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@mn.catholic.org.au)

### **31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“The greatest among you must be your servant.” Each one of us is called to service no matter what our vocation, Marriage, single life, religious life as brothers or sisters, deacons and priests. The call to service is one given to us at baptism, and must be responded to at every moment of our life. For information regarding vocation to priesthood, diaconate or life as a brother or sister Call the **Vocation Centre 02 49283521 or 0417294221** or email: [vocations@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@mn.catholic.org.au)

### **32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.” Today is the familiar story of the five wise bridesmaids and the five not-so-wise bridesmaids. How prepared are we when the Lord calls us to follow. To hear the Lord’s call means that we are engaged in the process of listening with an attentive heart to the relationship we have with our God. For information regarding vocation to priesthood, diaconate or life as a brother or sister Call the **Vocation Centre 02 49283521 or 0417294221** or email: [vocations@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@mn.catholic.org.au)

### **33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Well done, my good and faithful servant.” Those are the words we all hope to hear when our earthly journey has ended, aren’t they? How is your vocation journey going? Are you maintaining a prayerful conversation with God to help you discern how to best use your gifts? Would you like to talk with someone about a possible Church vocation? Call the **Vocation Centre 02 49283521 or 0417294221** or email: [vocations@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@mn.catholic.org.au)

**Solemnity of Christ the King** “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me.” Is Jesus calling you to do the same for others as a sister, brother, deacon or priest? Call the **Vocation Centre 02 49283521 or 0417294221** or email: [vocations@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@mn.catholic.org.au)

## **Possible Prayers of Intercession**

### **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ -- June 26, 2011**

That all Catholics will adore the great gift of the Holy Eucharist given to them by Jesus Christ at the hands of His priests and that those chosen to nourish His body as priests will inspire many more to follow Him, we pray to the Lord.

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 3, 2011**

That all men and women will learn from Jesus and discover that the yoke of their vocation is perfectly suited to them and respond with humble, gentle service as faithful single people, loving married couples and as priests, deacons or religious sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 10, 2011**

That the call to serve Christ and His Church through marriage, single life, ordained and consecrated life will fall on the rich soil of hearts prepared by prayer, hard work, and generous service to others, we pray to the Lord.

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 17, 2011**

That with dedicated spirits, we will beg the Lord of the Harvest to provide an abundance of vocations to the ordained and consecrated life in our diocese who will help gather the wheat of souls into His barn, we pray to the Lord.

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 24, 2011**

For a greater awareness of the richness of the call to love Christ through the vocations of marriage and single life and that men and women will respond to His invitation to follow Him as priests, deacons and religious brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord.

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 31, 2011**

That those called to help Christ feed the multitude will not be held back by what they see as their limitations, but will rely on Jesus who will feed those to whom they are sent as priests, deacon, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 7, 2011**

For all those called to priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, that they will have no fear in responding to Jesus as He calls them to trust in Him and His choice of them, we pray to the Lord.

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 14, 2011**

That men and women will have the faith to hear God's call in their lives and respond with hope in His promise and love for the Savior as faithful married couples, as single people in the Church and as priests, deacons and religious brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord.

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 21, 2011**

That trusting in Christ's words to Peter, all those called to follow the Lord as priests, deacons and religious sisters and brothers will recognize the gift of their call and follow Him faithfully, we pray to the Lord.

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 28, 2011**

That none of us will be a hindrance to men and women discerning their vocation in life to follow Christ, we pray to the Lord.

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 4, 2011**

For a deeper participation among families in prayer for all vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life among their children, knowing that Christ is in their midst, we pray to the Lord.

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 11, 2011**

For all those chosen to live in union with Christ as married couple, single people and as priests, deacons and religious sisters and brothers so that all might have eternal life, we pray to the Lord.

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 18, 2011**

That there will be an abundance of laborers chosen by the Lord to serve as priests, deacons and religious brothers and sisters in this vineyard of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, we pray to the Lord.

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 25, 2011**

For the graces of clarity and active response in the discernment of our Heavenly Father's will for all those considering a vocation. We pray especially for the gift of strong marriages and faithful single people and priests deacons and religious brothers and sisters to serve all God's people, we pray to the Lord.

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 2, 2011**

That men and women will be open to the voice of the Lord, asking the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help them recognize and answer the call to serve as a priest, deacon or as religious sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 9, 2011**

That from the many called to holiness in Christ, those chosen to follow Him more closely in the priesthood and consecrated life will respond with humble readiness, we pray to the Lord.

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 16, 2011**

For a growth in reverence for the gift and mystery of vocations to married life, single life, priesthood diaconate and consecrated life and a readiness to give to God what is God's in response to His call, we pray to the Lord.

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 23, 2011**

That men and women will be encouraged to love God and their neighbor with the love of the Heart of Christ and follow Him generously when called to serve others as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated religious life, we pray to the Lord.

**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 30, 2011**

That men and women will be encouraged to love God and their neighbor with the love of the Heart of Christ and follow Him generously as faithful married couples, single people committed to the life of the church and others serving as priests, deacons and religious sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- November 6, 2011**

That those called to serve the Lord and His people as priests, deacons and religious brothers and sisters will be blessed with holy zeal in their prayers and in their ministry, we pray to the Lord.

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- November 13, 2011**

That the Church will be continuously blessed with good and faithful servants following Christ as faithful single men and women. Loving married couples, priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

**Solemnity of Christ the King -- November 20, 2011**

For a deepening understanding among those discerning their vocation that the One who calls them is Jesus Christ the King, we pray to the Lord.