

The Catholic church of St Mary, Leek  
Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood



**Ask the Lord of the harvest  
to send out labourers for his harvest,  
says Jesus to his disciples.**

Matthew 9:38

**Mass Book and Prayers  
Thursday 18 August, 2022**



## Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Entrance antiphon** Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers for his harvest, says Jesus to his disciples.

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

**People** **Amen.**

**Priest** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with your spirit.**

*The priest introduces the Mass and leads the 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.**

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

**People** **Amen.**

**Priest** Lord, have mercy.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Priest** Christ, have mercy

**People** **Christ, have mercy.**

**Priest** Lord, have mercy

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Priest** Let us pray. O God, who willed to provide shepherds for your people, pour out in your Church a spirit of piety and fortitude, to raise up worthy ministers for your altars and make them ardent yet gentle heralds of your Gospel. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**People** **Amen.**

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First reading

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

Apocalypse 1:5-8

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 88(89):21-22,25,27

*Our response to the Psalm is I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.*

**I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.**

I have found David my servant and with my holy oil anointed him.

My hand shall always be with him and my arm shall make him strong.

**I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.**

My truth and my love shall be with him; by my name his might shall be exalted.

He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.'

**I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor. Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Priest** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest** ✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Lk 4:16-21

**People** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

The gospel of the Lord.

**People**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

**People** **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.**

**Priest** Look kindly, we pray, O Lord, on the prayers and offerings of your people, that the stewards of your mysteries may grow in number and persevere always in your love. Through Christ our Lord.

**People** **Amen.**

**Priest** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with your Spirit.**

**Priest** Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Priest** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **Ppl** **It is right and just.**

*At the end of the preface, we say together*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Priest** The mystery of faith.

**People** **Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

**Priest** 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.

**People** **Amen.**

*We stand.*

**Priest** At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All** **Our Father ...**

**Priest** 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.

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

**Priest** Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**People** **Amen.**

**Priest** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People** **And with your Spirit.**

**Priest** Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*We say together:*

**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.**

**Priest** 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.

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

### **Communion antiphon**

By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

**Priest** Let us pray. Renewed with the Bread of the heavenly table, we entreat you, O Lord, that through this Sacrament of charity the seeds you sow with great abundance in the field of your Church may come to maturity, so that many may make it their choice in life to serve you in their brothers and sisters. Through Christ our Lord.

**People** **Amen.**

### **CONCLUDING RITE**

**Priest** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with your Spirit.**

**Priest** May almighty God bless you, the Father, ✠ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**People** **Amen.**

**Priest** Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**



### **The Rosary**

#### **The Joyful Mysteries**

#### **The first Joyful mystery: the Annunciation of the Lord.**

*The angel came to Mary, and he said to her, "Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord with you: blessed are you among all women" (Lk 1:28)*

#### **The second Joyful Mystery: the Visitation, Mary visits Elizabeth**

*Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." (Lk 1:41-43)*

#### **The third joyful mystery: the birth of Jesus.**

*While they were there, Mary gave birth to her Son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. (Lk2:6-7)*

#### **The fourth joyful mystery: the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple**

*And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to God. (Lk2:22)*

### **The fifth joyful mystery: the finding of Jesus in the Temple**

*After three days Mary and Joseph found him in the Temple, sitting with the doctors of the Law, both listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk2:46)*

### **The Mysteries of Light**

#### **The first mystery of Light: the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist**

*It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the river Jordan by John. And at once, as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you." (Mk 1:9-11)*

#### **The second mystery of Light: the Wedding at Cana**

*On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited ... This was the first of Jesus's signs: it was at Cana in Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. (Jn 2: 1-2, 11)*

#### **The third mystery of Light: the Proclamation of the Kingdom**

*Seeing the crowds, he went onto the mountain. And when he was seated his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: "How blessed are the poor in spirit: The kingdom of Heaven is theirs." (Mt 5:1-3)*

#### **The fourth mystery of Light: the Transfiguration**

*He took with him Peter, John and James and went up the mountain to pray. And it happened that, as he was praying, the aspect of his face changed and his clothing became sparkling white. And suddenly there were two men talking with him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory. (Lk 9:28-30)*

#### **The fifth mystery of Light: the Institution of the Eucharist**

*As they were eating he took bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. "Take it," he said, "this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he given thanks he handed it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, "This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, poured out for many." (Mk 14:22-24)*

### **The Sorrowful Mysteries**

#### **The first Sorrowful mystery: the agony in garden**

*He then left to make his way as usual to the Mount of Olives, with the disciples following. When he reached the place he said to them, "Pray not to be put to the test." ... In his anguish he prayed even more earnestly, and his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood. (Lk 22: 39-40, 44)*

#### **The second Sorrowful mystery: the Scourging of Jesus**

*Pontius Pilate was anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, after having Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified. (Mk 15:15)*

#### **The third Sorrowful mystery: the Crowning with thorns**

*The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort around him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet cloak round him, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" (Mt 27: 27-29)*

#### **The fourth Sorrowful mystery: Jesus carries the Cross**

*As they were leading him away they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and*

said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and your children." (Lk23:26- 28)

### **The fifth Sorrowful mystery: the Crucifixion and death of Jesus**

*Near the Cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his mother, "Woman, this is your son." Then to the disciple he said, "This is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. (Jn 19:25-27)*

## **The Glorious Mysteries**

### **The first glorious mystery: the Resurrection of Jesus**

*When the Sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. (Mk 16:1-2)*

### **The second glorious mystery: the Ascension of Jesus into heaven**

*Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and raising his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy. (Lk 24:50-52)*

### **The third glorious mystery: The day of Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit**

*When Pentecost day came around, they had all met together when suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of a violent wind which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and there appeared to them tongues as of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. (Acts 2:1-3)*

### **The fourth glorious mystery: The Assumption of Mary into heaven**

*Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, robed with the sun, standing on the moon, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. (Apoc 12:1)*

### **The fifth glorious mystery: Our Lady, the Queen of heaven and earth**

*Mary said, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; because he has looked upon the humiliation of his servant, yes, from now onwards all generations will called me blessed ..." (Lk 1: 46-48)*



## **Prayers for Priests and Vocations to the Priesthood**

Lord Jesus Christ, make me a better person, considerate towards others, honest with myself, faithful to you.

Help me to find my true vocation in life and so to find happiness myself and bring happiness to others.

May those whom you call to the priesthood or the religious life have the generosity to answer your call, and so may those who need your help always find it, and give you glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord Jesus, our good shepherd, you came that we may have life and have it more abundantly. Call from among us good shepherds to continue your work. May our priests lead us in sincere prayer, in obedience to your word, in generous love for all. To you be glory now and for ever. Amen.

### **A reading from the writings of Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman.**

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away.

If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about.

### Prayer of St Therese of Lisieux

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; for your unfaithful and tepid priests; for your priests labouring at home or abroad in distant mission fields.

For your tempted priests; for your lonely and desolate priests, for your young priests, for your dying priests, for the souls of your priests in purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptised me, the priests who absolved me from my sins, the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me, all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way. O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and eternity.

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### Prayer of St Ignatius of Loyola

Lord Jesus Christ, take all my freedom, my memory, my understanding, and my will. All that I have and cherish you have given me. I surrender it all to be guided by your will. Your grace and your love are enough for me. Give me these, Lord Jesus, and I ask for nothing more. Amen.

### Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

O Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is dying that we are born to eternal life.



### Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Hymn. We kneel

O salutaris Hostia,  
Quae coeli pandis ostium:  
Bella premunt hostilia,  
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino  
Sit sempiterna gloria  
Qui vitam sine termino  
Nobis donet in patria. Amen

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Mt 9:35-38

Jesus made a tour through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness.

And when he saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### A Prayer for Vocations

Holy Father, who, through urging all the faithful to perfect charity, never cease to prompt many to follow more closely in the footsteps of your Son, grant, we pray, that those you have chosen for this special calling may, by their way of life, show to the Church and the world a clear sign of your Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.

#### Hymn

Tantum ergo sacramentum  
Veneremur cernui:  
Et antiquum documentum  
Novo cedat ritui:  
Praestet fides supplementum  
Sensum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque  
Laus et jubilatio,  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque,  
Sit et benedictio,  
Procedenti ab utroque  
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.



## The Divine Praises

**Blessed be God.**

**Blessed be his Holy Name.**

**Blessed be Jesus 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 Saint Joseph, her spouse most chaste.**

**Blessed be God in his Angels and in his Saints.**

**Celebrant** Panem de caelo praestitisti eis.

**Response** Omne delectamentum in se habentem.

**Celebrant** Oremus. Deus, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili, passionis tuae memoriam reliquisti: tribue, quaesumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuae fructum in nobis iugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in saecula saeculorum.

**People** Amen.

## Benediction

*The celebrant takes the humeral veil. As he gives the Benediction all make the Sign of the Cross. The Blessed Sacrament is incensed and bells are rung.*

*After the Benediction, the following is sung:*

**O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament divine,  
all praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment thine.**

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all praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment thine.**

**O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament divine,  
all praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment thine.**

## Prayer for England. *We stand.*

O blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England your Dowry and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in you. By you it was that Jesus our Saviour and our hope was given to the world; and He has given you to us that we might hope still more. Plead for us your children, whom you did receive and accept at the foot of the Cross, O sorrowful Mother. Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the supreme Shepherd, the Vicar of your Son. Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with you, in our heavenly home. Amen.

## Pope Francis's Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

St Joseph, Pray for us!

