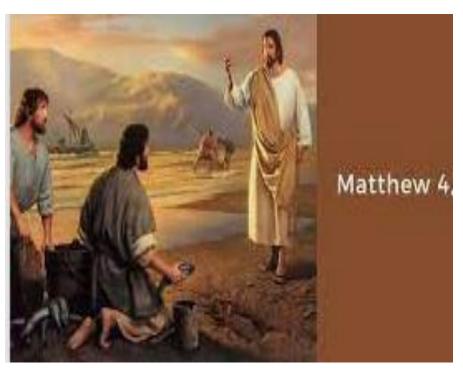
St Bede's Catholic School

Daily Reflections and Prayers

Theme - Vocation 24<sup>th</sup> April - 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023



## The liturgical colour is WHITE

We are in the **Easter** Season

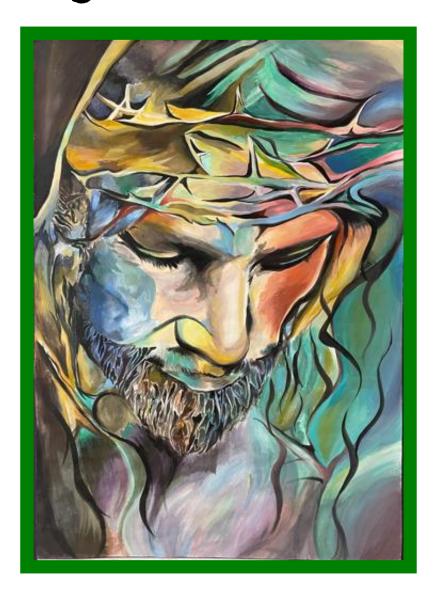
#### Mission Statement

With the Lord's help, we are united in **faith**, we strive for success and **excellence**, we are **determined** to be the best that we can be.

Faith ~ Excellence ~ Determination



## Monday 24th April 2023



#### Morning Prayer

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

Amen

In 1964, Pope Paul VI, launched the Vocations Sunday, which is now celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Easter. This is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. This year it is on the  $30^{th}$  April. This date marks the  $60^{th}$  anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.



<u>Discernment | National Office for Vocation</u> <u>England & Wales (ukvocation.org)</u>

Each of us will someday choose a career or job that we hope will being us happiness. But, how do we choose what we will do and how do we know whether it will make us happy. Think for a moment of someone you know, someone you respect, someone you really admire. Who is that person and why do you respect and admire them? I'll bet they serve other people in some way, and use the talents God gave them to help others.

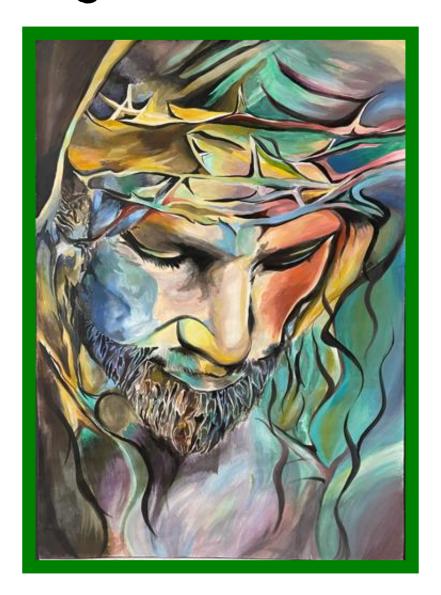
Would you ever consider using your talents to help others?

End of Day Prayer

Good Jesus,
by your loving kindness,
enable me to come to you,
the fountain of wisdom,
and to stand forever before your
face,
Amen

Signum Crucis (The Sign of the Cross in Latin)

## Tuesday 25th April 2023



#### Morning Prayer - Gloria

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to men of good will. We praise You. We bless You. We adore you. We glorify You. We give You thanks for Your great glory.

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: you Who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

You Who take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You Who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are holy. You alone are the Lord. You alone, O Jesus Christ, are most high. Together with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

# Reading/Assembly Day

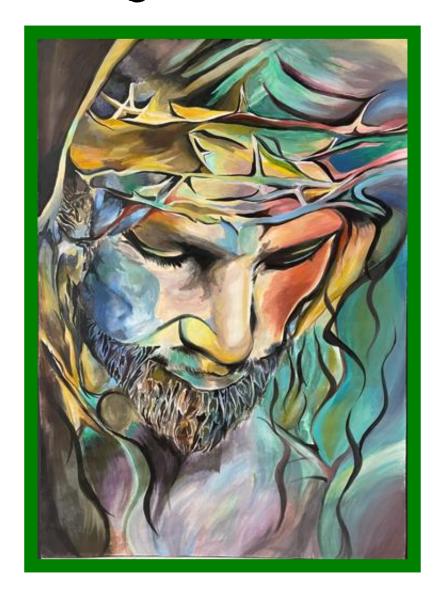


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### Wednesday 26th April 2023



#### Morning Prayer - The Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who art in Heaven Hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done On earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses As we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil Amen



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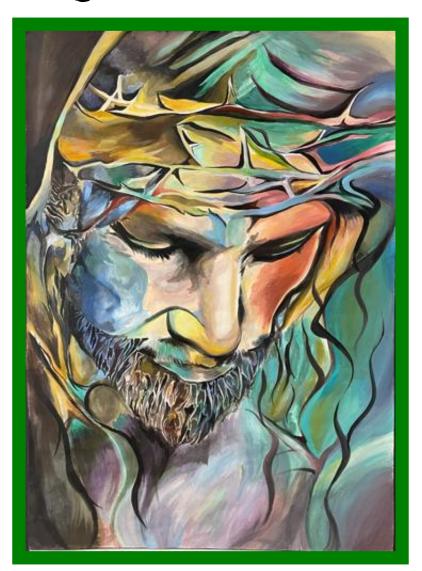


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### Thursday 27th April 2023



#### Morning Prayer - Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with thee;
Blessed art thou amongst women
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners, now
and at the hour of our death
Amen



# Reading/Assembly Day

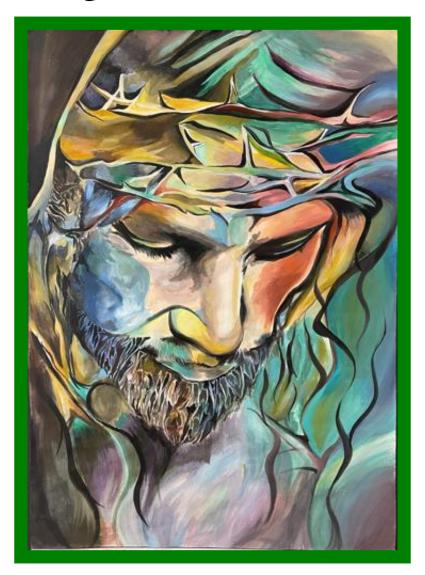


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### Friday 28th April 2023



#### Morning Prayer

Lord, I thank you for the gifts You have given me, especially for life, love, family and friends. Help me to know myself better and to know my talents, as I pray, study and decide on my life's work. Help me to see and understand the path You open for me. Help me choose a life's work which will be in response to my potential and your love for me.

If I am being invited to follow You as a priest, brother, sister, give me a generous heart to respond to your challenging call and the strength to follow You wherever You lead me.

Amen

#### Vocations

The word vocation simple means a calling to do a job that suits the person best. It is also the desire to do a particular job especially a religious career like being a priest.

For religious people, a vocation is often something they feel God has asked them to do.

In Matthew 4: 16-22, we find the very first call (vocation) to Christian life. This was The Call of the Disciples.

As Jesus was walking along the shore of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." At once, they left their nets and followed him. Jesus went a little farther on and saw James and John, the sons of Zebedee; they were in their boats mending their nets. Immediately, Jesus called them and they followed him, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men.

Matthew 4: 16-22

Discussion point: Jesus calls the disciples and at this point dedicates his life to serving and teaching them.

Why do you think it was necessary for Jesus to personally teach the disciples during his life on earth?

Discuss

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