

# **Lasallian Vocations Prayer – 25<sup>th</sup> of April**

*Catholic Church Calendar: First week of Easter – ANZAC Day in Australia and New Zealand*



## **Introduction Prayer:**

Loving God,

We thank you for the gift of our Baptism and life. Help us to open our hearts to the wonders of your goodness in all our relationships and interactions. We ask you to bless those we live and work with and help us be instruments of your grace and hope. We pray that others may follow in the path of living out their Baptism as religious and people committed to building up your Kingdom.

We make this prayer through the Risen Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

## **The Gospel for Today - Luke 24: 35-48**

It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead. The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

## **The Gospel of the Lord**

## **Psalm Response**

### **Recite in two sides**

LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory  
in the heavens.

Through the praise of children and infants  
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars,  
which you have set in place,  
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
human beings that you care for them?

You have made them a little lower than the angels  
and crowned them with glory and honour.  
You made them rulers over the works of your hands;  
you put everything under their feet:  
all flocks and herds,  
and the animals of the wild,  
the birds in the sky,  
and the fish in the sea,  
all that swim the paths of the seas.

LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Glory be to the Father**

## **Reflection Sharing 5mins:**

Choose a word or a phrase from either the Gospel or the Psalm to share with the community.

What word or phrase touches your heart?

What word or phrase has relevance for you at this very moment?

Does this reading or passage capture a thought, an image, a memory or an inspiration you would like to share?

## Prayers and Intercessions

The Response is: Loving God, hear our prayer

We remember all those who have lost lives in the cause for peace – those who have sacrificed so that others may live. **Let us pray to the Lord - (R)**

We pray for families affected by war and terror – may they be supported and strengthened in their time of need. **Let us pray to the Lord - (R)**

We continue to pray for the community of Christchurch and New Zealand and the families of all those affected. We pray also for all those affected by the recent tragedies in Sri Lanka – *may they receive love and healing in their time of grief and profound loss.* **We pray to the Lord (R)**

We pray in thanksgiving for all those working for the Church and in the Lasallian mission. May the promotion of vocations call others to live out the Gospel message. **Let us pray to the Lord - (R)**

- **And for whom and for what else shall we pray**

**Prayer Leader: Our Father**

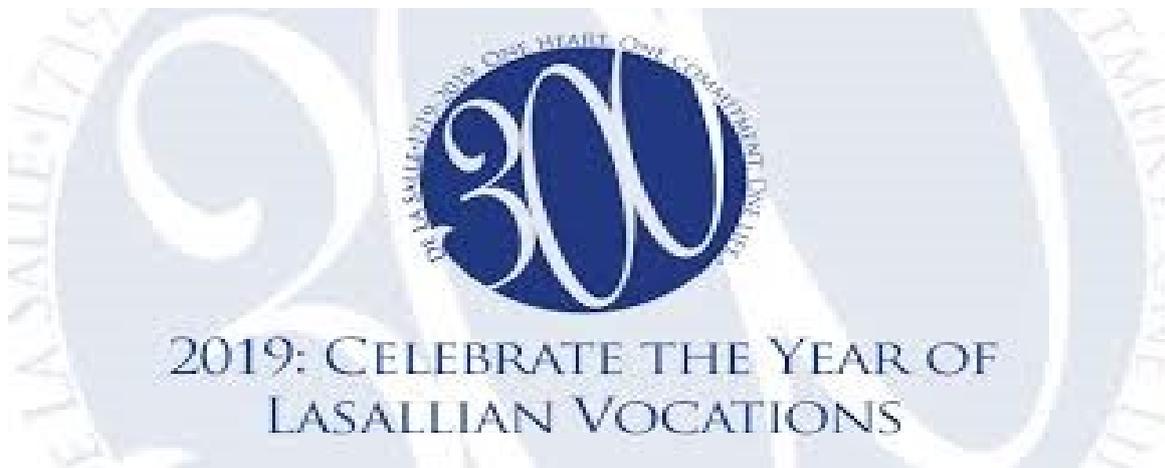
## **Concluding Prayer:**

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 in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

**St John Baptist de La Salle – Pray for us**

**Live Jesus in our Hearts – forever!**



## **Pope Francis Reflection on vocations and young people:**

### **POST-SYNODAL APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION - CHRISTUS VIVIT - TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND TO THE ENTIRE PEOPLE OF GOD**

1. Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!

#### **Discernment of Vocations:**

Pope Francis encourages all young people to discern their place in the world. Through Baptism, all people are called to live out a vocation to serve one another in Christ. These questions are wonderful for the Lasallian Vocations team:

- 1). What is my purpose – what is the purpose of life?
- 2). Do I know myself?
- 3). Do I know what brings joy or sorrow to my heart?
- 4). What are my strengths and weaknesses?
- 5). How can I serve others, the world and the Church?
- 6). Do I have the abilities to offer this service – and can these abilities develop more?