

HOLY CROSS AND ALL SAINTS MONDAY MISSION

THIS WEEK'S WORD:

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John
10:27-30**

At that time: Jesus said, 'My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

I and the Father are one.'



REFLECT

In Jesus' time shepherds walked in front of their sheep, leading the way. Jesus is our shepherd because he shows us by example how to live, he doesn't just preach at us. While we won't have to be crucified, we are asked to love others, even to the point of it hurting.

It's quite amazing, too, that Jesus calls himself a shepherd, as shepherds were not respected at all. They were smelly, dirty and lived outside society. Jesus chooses outcasts as his friends and here, he is likening himself to one. What does that say to us today?

Jesus trusts that his friends listen to him so well that they will recognise his voice. We can hear Jesus speaking to us in prayer, in scripture and through other people. Jesus calls each one of us to use our gifts to help others. Vocation comes from the latin 'vocare', 'to call'. Some people have a religious vocation and are called to serve others as a priest, nun, sister or monk. What is Jesus calling you to do with your life?

LET US PRAY

Loving and Generous God,
it is You who call us by name
and ask us to follow You.
Lead me to choose the way of life
You have planned for me.
Inspire us to know You better
and open our hearts
to hear Your call. Amen.

MISSION

Jesus is calling each one of us. What is your vocation? How will you serve others? It may be that there is a particular way of life that Jesus is calling you to live.

This week, your mission is to think about how it is Jesus wants you to live your life - what is your vocation? Think of one small change you can make to your life now to help you fulfil your vocation.