

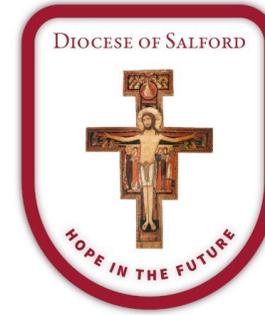
## Saying YES to God

At the heart of all vocations is a **YES** to God. In Stage 2 on our Diocesan Journey we are asking God to show us what he wants us to do next in our parishes. Be open to using your gifts, talents and charisms. Be open, say **YES** and God will use you in amazing ways.

## Closing Prayer

God of love and of life, let us take time to look deep within ourselves and discover the gifts you have blessed us with. May we take the time to direct our lives in a way that best uses our own unique combination of gifts. May our education help us discover where our strengths and interests lie. May our faith guide us in realising our gifts. May we always be open to the direction of the Spirit and never forget the love you have for each of us.

Give us, O Lord, the perception we need to look within ourselves and discover the beauty and gifts we possess. Give us the courage to show others the talents they have. Help us serve others in the community and in so doing build up your kingdom. We ask this through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.



DEVELOPING & SUPPORTING  
**SCHOOL &**  
PARISH LINKS



**"I ask for your active participation in both prayer and action. If we were all to undertake just one task in our parishes we would transform the witness we give and make a difference to the lives of so many people."**

*Bishop John Arnold*

Reflecting on your Gifts & Talents

## Opening Reflection

*Some Definite Purpose by Cardinal John Henry 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.



## Scripture Reading

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of the Lord

**R/ Thanks be to God**

**We pause to reflect and share...**



**Is there a group or ministry already happening in your parish which you can give some time to support? Is there a gap or need? Could you help to set up a new group or ministry?\***



**Reflect on your God-given gifts and talents. Reflect on your baptismal promises and gifts given by the Holy Spirit. How much time can you give to support the mission of the parish?\***

\* in accordance with National safeguarding procedures all young volunteers must be accompanied by DBS checked volunteers.