



BALLARAT VOCATIONS 2018

CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
of
BALLARAT



**We invite you
to explore the
journey towards
priesthood**

Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd.

**We give thanks for the gift of
priesthood in your Church.
You continue to reach out to
us through the loving, gentle,
compassionate and dedicated
pastors in whom you have called
to serve you as priests in the
Diocese of Ballarat.**

**We pray for those priests who
continue the mission of bringing Christ
to others in our parishes. Bless them
in their ministry, especially as they
celebrate the sacraments with us, and
bring the joy of the Gospel to others in
their day-to-day encounters with us.**

**Lord Jesus we humbly ask that
you may continue to form faithful
shepherds to lead our parish
communities into the future and help
people to encounter your most loving,
gentle and Sacred Heart.**

**May you gently guide those currently
in formation for the priesthood in
the Ballarat Diocese and give our
seminarians an abundance of joy and
perseverance with their studies. May
their love of Jesus, the Good Shepherd,
grow stronger each day so that Jesus
may truly become their best friend
and the source of inspiration for their
ministry as future priests.**

**Lord Jesus we ask that others may
hear your call to the priesthood in
the Ballarat Diocese and generously
respond to this invitation.**

**With the intercession of
Our Lady Help of Christians
and the loving prayerful
support of Australia's
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop,
we make this prayer through
Christ our Lord.
Amen.**