

# NINE DAYS OF THANKSGIVING

## Day Six

### Focus

Today we give thanks for all those who seek refuge.

We are mindful of St Joseph who, for the safety of Mary & Jesus, sought refuge in Egypt.



*'Flight to Egypt' by Henry Ossawa Tanner*

*The Angel of God appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'get up, take the Child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him'. So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead.*

*Matthew 2:13-15*

*We are but travellers here.*

*Mary MacKillop 1866*

*The end of it all will be that God's protecting hand will be most visibly seen.*

*Julian Tenison Woods 1871*

## Reflection

As you ponder the words from the Gospel of Matthew and the writings of Mary & Julian what touches your heart?

(Your name) live in the present moment and be open to God.

How is the mystery of God's mission unfolding in your life?  
(take as much time as you can to reflect on this)

To what does this call me today?



Sisters of Saint Joseph  
*of the Sacred Heart*

*United with all those who seek refuge, we pray:*

*We give thanks for God's generosity  
in calling the Sisters of St Joseph into being.*

*For Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods  
the first sisters, the children in schools  
the families around them  
the friends supporting them.*

*For the vision, energy and legacy they left.*

*We give thanks for the Josephite spirit in God's mission  
for the women who heeded the call  
the people who supported the mission  
the families who welcomed the sisters.  
For the love and healing in our parishes.*

*Join with us, all who have gone before  
walking the Josephite way  
supporting the Josephite vision  
drawn into Josephite communion.  
Join us in praising God's abounding kindness.  
Amen.*