

St Joseph - Deeply Loved

Today let us pray for all those parents and guardians who, with selfless love, commit their lives to protect, nurture and educate their families.

In St Joseph's care I leave you. Mary MacKillop (1873)

"(Joseph) employed his legal authority over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work. He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman (gift) of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home." Pope Francis

... 'Joseph's is a unique gift. Given the family structure of his day, only he could correspond with the invitation of God to "legitimise" the birth of Jesus and to provide the context in which the Word could be enfleshed'.

Mary Crespos, *In the Spirit of Joseph*, p.10

How does the spirit of Joseph encourage and support you in your living today?

Mary MacKillop encourages us to

'Apply to St Joseph with confidence in every difficulty and you will not be disappointed' Mary MacKillop (1906)

Prayer

Joseph, Beloved Father, you faced the numerous crises in your life with courage and resilience.

Be with parents and guardians as they deal with the challenges of raising families today.

Help us as we respond, each according to our own capacity.

Amen

St Joseph with Jesus, St Joseph's Convent, Goulburn

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