

St Joseph – the Obedient One

Pope Francis tells us that “Obedience made it possible for (Joseph) to surmount his difficulties...”

Obedience involves listening and requires trust and confidence in God – the courage to do the will of God. Although being obedient can be challenging, Joseph was able to live out the will of God. As Pope Francis wrote: “Joseph did not hesitate to obey, regardless of the hardship involved ...”

We see in St Joseph, a perfect mirror of confidence in God – a wonderful, unbounded confidence in our good God.

Mary MacKillop (1893)

Obedience requires us to listen, engage and be responsive to God. Joseph listened and responded to God’s voice spoken through angels in his dreams.

When and where do you hear God speaking in your life?

How can you have the obedience to live out God’s will in your life?

In silence, let us engage with God... “listen to the whisperings of God in your heart.” Mary MacKillop (1868)

What is God telling you? What can you learn from Joseph in how to obediently respond to God?

Prayer

We pray like Joseph, “to hold ourselves in readiness for God’s will, whichever way things go.” Mary MacKillop (1867)

May we be blessed with patience, trust and courage to be obedient to our good God, as we use our gifts in the service of God’s mission.

Amen



St Joseph with Jesus, North Sydney

St Joseph, Deeply Loved – pray for us

St Joseph, Tender and Loving – pray for us

St Joseph, the Obedient One – pray for us