

St Joseph - the Creative and Courageous Believer and Guide

In this year of Saint Joseph, Pope Francis reminds us that 'God always finds a way to carry out his saving plan.'

God trusted Joseph to be creative and courageous to find solutions to protect Jesus and Mary his Mother. Jesus and Mary are the very definition of vulnerable and marginalised, they represent the 'least of us'. By protecting the Son and his Mother, Joseph was instrumental in the resurrection, his faith made him courageous enough to bring what he had and use it creatively.

'Let's face the crises affecting people, other species and Earth itself at this time with compassion and urgency.'

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May God grant you courage and wisdom in all you do and say. Mary MacKillop (1875)

Courage challenges us to stretch ourselves to acknowledge our fears and to be undeterred from offering something that goes beyond our own immediate needs and comforts.

How are you going to develop the strength to respond constructively and creatively to whatever life throws at you?

When you consider the poor and needy, the suffering and dying, the stranger, the prisoner - what do you see, feel or realise? Is there something more or different that can be done? Are you challenged to develop the determination to do it, and then carry through despite all obstacles?

Prayer

**Through the example of Joseph,
May we grow in courage
and determination to help**

The stranger

The poor and needy

The suffering and the dying.

Amen



St Joseph with Torah, St Francis' Church, Melbourne

*St Joseph, Deeply Loved – pray for us
St Joseph, Tender and Loving – pray for us
St Joseph, the Obedient One – pray for us
St Joseph, the Accepting One – pray for us*

*St Joseph, the Creative and Courageous
Believer and Guide - pray for us*