

Prayers for the week - Mary and Joseph



Monday 13th December

Loving Father,

Help us to remember that whenever we go wrong, you are there to call us back. You look at us with the love of a caring Father and you want us to be the best that we can. As we enter the final full week of the term, give us the resilience to learn and work together as a community.

St Joseph – Pray for us



Tuesday 14th December

Father,

You call each of us to be saints and you give us all the power to make it happen. Help us to believe that, like Mary, we too can find opportunities to do amazing things. Give us the wisdom to see those opportunities and the courage to take them..

St Joseph – Pray for us



Wednesday 15th December

Loving Father,

Help us to follow the example of Joseph this Advent, and to stick by those who we love. Help us to be faithful, caring and kind. Help us not to desert our friends when they need us most, but to be their strength and their help.

St Joseph – Pray for us



Thursday 16th December

We take our intentions to Mary and ask that she intercedes for us as we say;

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.



in those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Now John wore a garment of camel's hair, and a leather girdle around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea went out to him and all the region about the Jordan, and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

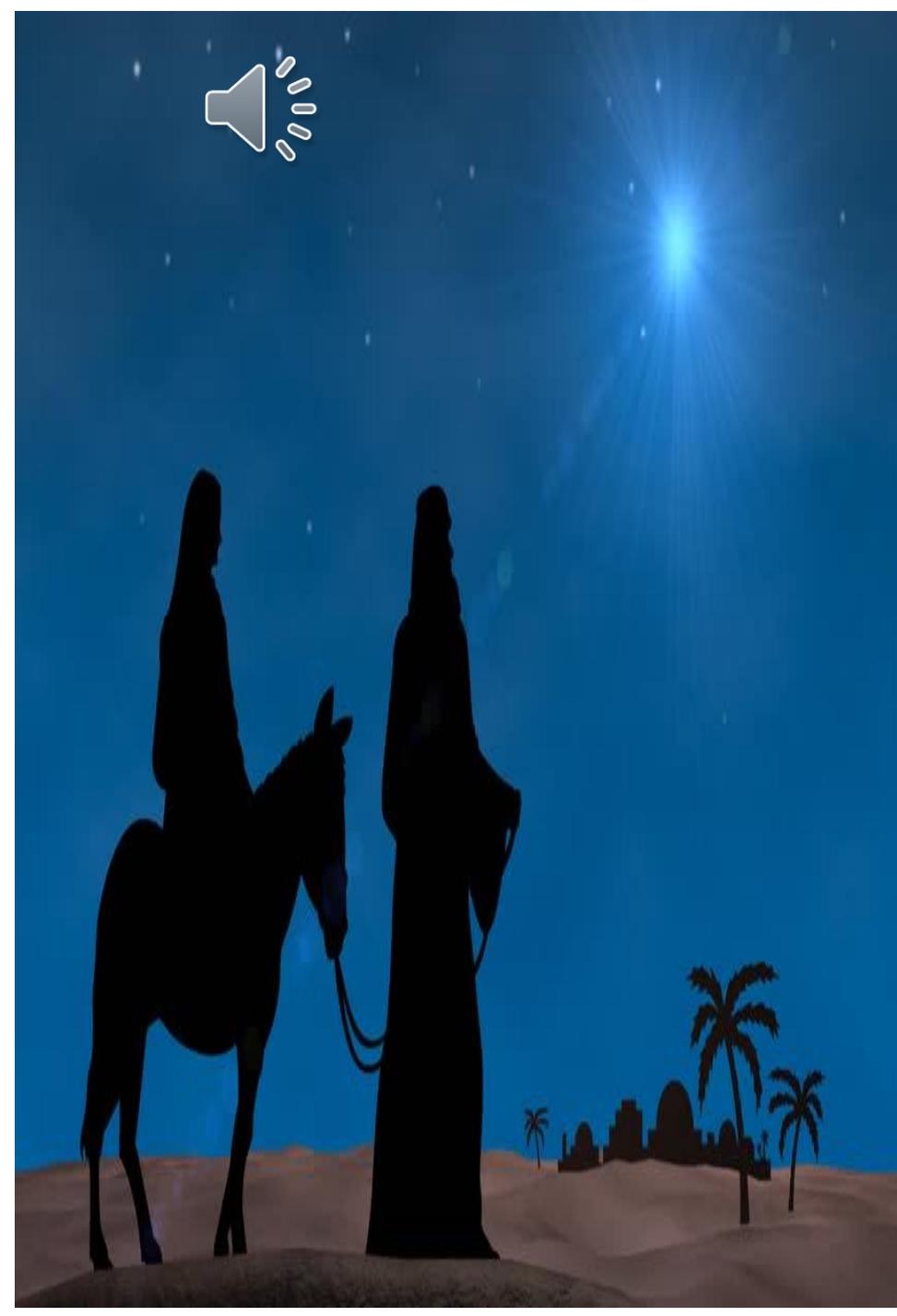




It must have been a difficult and confusing time for Joseph. His fiancée got mysteriously pregnant. He must have been so scared, worried and confused. Soon after Mary became pregnant though, Joseph was visited by an angel, who told him not to worry.

The angel told him that the child in Mary's womb was special and blessed, and that he should look after and care for them both. Joseph is one of the characters of Advent that we tend to focus on the least, but he is one of the most important.

Joseph is a great example to everybody who has ever stuck by somebody they loved and been with them through thick and thin. He is an example of what it means to be a loving husband and a loving Father.



Final
thought...



SOMETIMES
WE KNOW WHAT WE
HAVE TO DO

*but we lack the
courage
to do it.*

LET US LEARN FROM MARY
HOW TO MAKE DECISIONS,
TRUSTING IN THE LORD.

POPE FRANCIS