

## **St Joseph.**

It is very easy to overlook Joseph, the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary when we think about how Jesus lived in a human family in Nazareth.

We acknowledge the importance that Mary must have played in the upbringing of her Son Jesus, but Joseph, being 'a righteous man' (Matthew 1.20) surely had an important role in helping the young Jesus to grow and develop.

As a carpenter, Joseph would have passed on his skills to ensure that Jesus would be able to have a useful trade. As the Son of God the Creator, Jesus would have known what it was like have human, creative ability.

Joseph was the protector of Jesus and Mary in an age when women and children without a male family relative would have experienced hardship. Because of this, he is the patron saint of those who need care and concern and schools and hospitals often bear his name.

### **Collect**

God our Father,  
who from the family of your servant David  
raised up Joseph the carpenter  
to be the guardian of your incarnate Son  
and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary:  
give us grace to follow him  
in faithful obedience to your commands;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

# **Praying Together**

March 2020



**Joseph of Nazareth**

*Thursday 19 March*

*We pray for our churches and the communities we serve.  
Please use this leaflet in your prayers.*

**Lark Valley and North Bury  
Team Ministry**

### **For the wider community & church – March**

- 1 S** Beetons Lodge residential home
- 2 M** Lancaster Avenue Gospel Hall
- 3 T** The Presbyterian Church
- 4 W** St Olave's Road shops and residential area
- 5 T** The Christian Resource Centre (Pentecostal)
- 6 F** West Road Church
- 7 S** All Saints, Bury
  
- 8 S** *Growing in God* worship, work & witness at All Saints, Bury
- 9 M** All Saints Bury church hall
- 10 T** All Saints Bury Pre-School, Fellowship, Parent & Toddler Group
- 11 W** All Saints church pop up café
- 12 T** The Priors Estate
- 13 F** The Priors Estate Residents' Action Group
- 14 S** Kings Road & Queens Road housing areas
  
- 15 S** Out Risbygate housing and business areas
- 16 M** St Peter's House residential home
- 17 T** Jankyn's Place sheltered housing
- 18 W** St Andrew, Timworth
- 19 T** *Growing in God* worship, work & witness at Timworth
- 20 F** All who live in Timworth
- 21 S** St George's, Bury
  
- 22 S** *Growing in God* worship, work & witness at St George's
- 23 M** The Anselm Community Centre
- 24 T** The Mildenhall Road Estate
- 25 W** The Mildenhall Road Estate Residents' Association
- 26 T** Chestnut Court sheltered housing
- 27 F** Acorn House
- 28 S** For all young parents
  
- 29 S** Northumberland Avenue Methodist Church
- 30 M** Kingdom Hall (Jehovah's Witnesses)
- 31 T** Maltward Avenue, Winthrop Road & Westley Road areas

### **For the North Bury & Lark Valley family – March**

- 1 S** Roly & Sally Nice; Pam Nitsche; Roger Nelhams
- 2 M** Joyce Norburn; David, Kathryn, Lucy & James Norburn
- 3 T** Vivien Nunn; Jill O'Brien
- 4 W** Catherine Oldridge; Iris Oldridge
- 5 T** Philip, Katie, Liam & Victoria Orchard
- 6 F** Mary & David Payne; Adam & Lucy Payne
- 7 S** Val Penney; Phil, Sophie, Elizabeth & Michael Peters
  
- 8 S** Clive & Alison Pettitt; Sally Pettitt
- 9 M** Yvonne Pettit; Terry Pettitt; Michael Phillips
- 10 T** Simon, Tina, Marcus & Chelsea Phillips
- 11 W** Joy Powell; Sue Presland
- 12 T** Nigel & Kay Priestnall; Jill Quantrill; Betty Ramsay
- 13 F** Angela, Simon, Oliver & Annabel Ransome
- 14 S** Anthony, Caroline, Stephen & Daniel Ranson
  
- 15 S** Sarah Reilly; Peter & Elisabeth Riches
- 16 M** Anita Rooney; Claire & Peter Rose
- 17 T** Anne Ruffles; Pamela Rynsard
- 18 W** John Sadler; Kevin Salisbury
- 19 T** Kagendo Salisbury; Veronica Sayer; Anne Scott
- 20 F** Judith Scott; Yvonne Sebastian; Ben Sebastian
- 21 S** David & Gillian Seddon
  
- 22 S** Laura, Matt, Sophia & Eleanor Selman
- 23 M** Betty Sharman; June Shield
- 24 T** Kathie Siddall; Sarah Silver
- 25 W** Sonja Simpkin
- 26 T** Kathy Skinner
- 27 F** Bob Smalley
- 28 S** Catriona Smart
  
- 29 S** Colin & Helen Smith
- 30 M** Daphne Smith
- 31 T** Gill & Malcolm Southgate