

## **The Year of Saint Joseph**

**8 December 2020 – 8 December 2021**



*Detail of sanctuary lancet window, Ballybrown Church*

***To mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has proclaimed this year as a Year of Saint Joseph. It began on 8 December 2020 and it continues to 8 December 2021. Let us ask Saint Joseph to intercede for us and to obtain God's blessing on us as we journey through this year together.***

# Prayers to Saint Joseph

**Pope Francis' Prayer for the Year of Saint Joseph:** *Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil, Amen.*

**Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph,** whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you, let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. *Amen.*

**Prayer to Saint Joseph, Patron of the Dying:** *O Glorious Saint Joseph, behold I choose thee today for my special patron in life and at the hour of my death. Preserve and increase in me the spirit of prayer and fervour in the service of God. Remove far from me every kind of sin; obtain for me that my death may not come upon me unawares, but that I may have time to confess my sins sacramentally and to bewail them with a most perfect understanding and a most sincere and perfect contrition, in order that I may breathe forth my soul into the hands of Jesus and Mary. Amen*

## Major Feast Days:

19<sup>th</sup> March: Solemnity of Saint Joseph

1<sup>st</sup> May: Feast Day of Saint Joseph the Worker

## Other Feast Days

1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> November: All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day (Saint Joseph is called Patron of the Dying and Delight of the Saints)

## Additional Prayers

Additional prayers may be found on the [Year of Saint Joseph website](#).