

## YEAR OF ST JOSEPH - FEBRUARY

Every day for 40 years, Pope Francis has prayed to St Joseph. After saying Morning Prayer, Pope Francis writes in *Patris Corde*, (see parish website: Pastor's Notes) he recites a nineteenth century prayer from a French prayerbook. Through this prayer, the Pope entrusts both "serious and troubling situations" to St Joseph. The prayer ends thus: "Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain". We find out about this daily custom in a footnote in *Patris Corde*, a text that brings the memory of the Church back to Pope Pius IX who, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in 1870, proclaimed St Joseph the Patron of the Universal Church.

*"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."*