



# St. Joseph's Parish



## Family Activity Sheet



18-24 October 2020

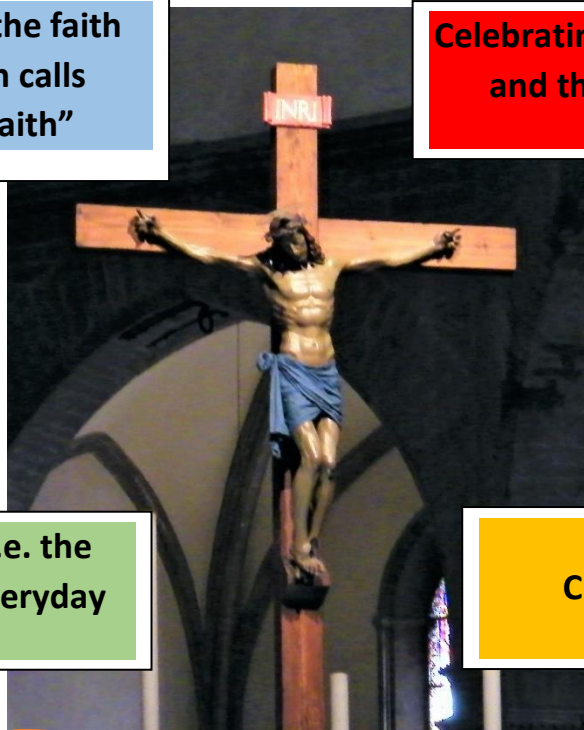
### Introduction:

The family is the domestic Church – that is, the Church at home. In these “Covid” times, not everyone can get to Mass easily and there is no children’s liturgy of the word for families, so here are some family orientated activities to consider doing this week:

*There are Four Dimensions of the Faith which we can put around the cross, making sure that Jesus Christ is the centre of everything we do:*

Speaking/Learning the faith  
(which the Church calls  
“professing the faith”

Celebrating it in the liturgy  
and the sacraments



Living it (in Christ) – i.e. the  
choices we make in everyday  
life

Christian prayer.

These notes will use these colours to show the balance of activities – some of course reflect more than one dimension of the faith, but over the month, try to pick a variety of activities.

We would love any pictures of you doing these activities! If you have any, please send to the parish office. By sending them to the office please state if you are happy for them to be included in the newsletter (which is emailed to everyone and put on the website) and/or the parish Facebook page

Date	Feast/memorial	Activity
18 <sup>th</sup> October	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. (Mt. 22 15-21)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Pharisees asked Jesus, ‘Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man’s rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?’ But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, ‘You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.’ They handed him a denarius, and he said, ‘Whose head is this? Whose name?’ ‘Caesar’s’ they replied. He then said to them, ‘Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.’</i></p> <p>Sometimes we try to separate our life of faith from our life “in the world” whether that is home, school, or work. Because we are baptised, we are joined to Jesus by the Holy Spirit who presents us to His Father. Our whole life therefore is about giving to God.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Family reflection on the Gospel</u></b></p> <p>At the beginning of Mass, in what is called the “penitential rite” we recognise that we have not lived a perfect loving life and have hurt others by what we have done and what we have failed to do. We have not given God the due attention that He should have.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light a candle</li> <li>• Someone read this Gospel passage out loud</li> <li>• Spend a few moments thinking about whether we thought about Jesus at all during the day (or yesterday).</li> <li>• If someone has upset you or hurt you, imagine Jesus giving them a hug.</li> <li>• Then imagine Him hugging you.</li> <li>• If you have upset or hurt someone, ask Jesus to forgive you and then say thank you to Him.</li> </ul> <p><b>For families with older children:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss what in our life “belongs to God” and what belongs to the world (Caesar). Note – every single human being is made in the image of God – as was Caesar, so everyone belongs to God. What does that mean for the way we treat other people?</li> </ul>



<p>18<sup>th</sup> October</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>St. Luke</u></b></p> <p>If it were not a Sunday, today we would be celebrating the feast of St. Luke, the author of the Gospel and the book of Acts of the Apostles.</p> <p>Tradition teaches us that he was a doctor and a painter.</p>	<p>Pray for all medical staff at this time, dealing not only with Covid-19 but all other sicknesses as well. Pray that the Holy Spirit will keep them strong and give them wisdom to know how to look after sick people.</p> <p>Tradition says that St. Luke painted a picture of Our Lady. Find a lovely painting of her and draw or paint your own picture of her. When you have finished, write the “Hail Mary” or another prayer underneath and put it up in your bedroom. Send a photo to the parish!</p> <p>Open the Gospel of St. Luke and find a story or a verse that you like. Either write out the verse and learn it by heart or draw or paint a picture of the story to put up. Send a photo to the parish!</p>
<p>22<sup>nd</sup> October</p>	<p><b>Pope Saint John Paul II (1920-2005)</b></p> <p>He was born Karol Józef Wojtyła in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. His studies for the priesthood were often carried out in secret and in fear of being caught by the government of Poland at that time which did not like Christians. Eventually in 1964, he became Archbishop of Kraków and on 16 October 1978 he was elected pope and took the name John Paul II. He recognised the importance of families spending “quality time” together and praying together. He had a special fondness for young people and the sick, and travelled widely around the world meeting Catholics of all ages.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Living in Christ as a family</u></b></p> <p>Organise a “secret surprise” for members of the family:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write everyone’s name on a piece of paper and put the papers in a box.</li> <li>• Each person closes their eyes and takes out a name at random (if it's their own, put it back)</li> <li>• Do something nice or kind in secret for that person this week. Make sure you don’t give the game away!</li> <li>• Younger members of the family may need help with this!</li> </ul> <p><b>Suggestions:</b> make someone else’s bed, lay the table ready for a meal, tidy or clean up after someone else, make a nice card for someone... help carry bags, bring in the washing, put away the laundry, clean the inside of the car....</p>

**Remember, any pictures or prayers, would be lovely to have for the parish newsletter. Just email copies or photos of them to the office.**