

# NINE DAYS OF THANKSGIVING

The Sisters of St Joseph  
give thanks for  
150 years  
1866 - 2016



Listening to the  
Heartbeat of the World

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# DAY SIX

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# JOSEPH THE REFUGEE

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WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

Today we give thanks  
for those who seek refuge.

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We are mindful of St Joseph who,  
for the safety of Mary & Jesus,  
sought refuge in Egypt.

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...the angel of God appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead.

*Matthew 2:13-15*

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We are but travellers here.

*Mary MacKillop 1866*

The end of it all will be  
that God's protecting hand  
will be most visibly seen.

*Julian Tenison Woods 1871*



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As you ponder the words from

the Gospel of Matthew

and the writings of Mary MacKillop

& Julian Tension Woods,

what touches your heart?



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*(Your name)*

*Live in the present moment  
and be open to God.*

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How is the mystery of God's mission  
in the world unfolding in your life?

*(take as much time as you can to reflect on this)*

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To what does this call me today?

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united with those who seek refuge, we pray:

We give thanks for God's generosity  
in calling the Sisters of St Joseph into being.

For Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods  
the first Sisters, the children in schools,  
the families around them,  
the friends supporting them.  
For the vision, energy and legacy they left.

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We give thanks for the Josephite spirit in God's mission  
for the women who heeded,  
the people who supported the mission,  
the families who welcomed the Sisters,  
For the love and healing in our parishes.

Join with us, all who have gone before  
walking the Josephite way  
supporting the Josephite vision  
drawn into Josephite communion.  
Join us in praise God's abounding kindness.  
Amen

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Thank you for praying in solidarity  
with the Sisters of St Joseph  
and people from across the world.

Let us remain mindful of St Joseph  
who for the safety of Mary & Jesus,  
sought refuge in Egypt.

We look forward to praying  
together tomorrow.



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