

# St Joseph

## In Scripture

In the genealogy of Jesus, Joseph is mentioned as Mary's husband and father of Jesus. (Matthew 1:16).

Joseph listened to the angel's warning in his dream and travelled with his family to Egypt, to keep Jesus safe (Matthew 2:13-23).

Joseph is also the patron saint of travellers because of this dangerous episode.



*"JOSEPH, SON OF DAVID, DO NOT FEAR TO TAKE MARY AS YOUR WIFE, FOR THAT WHICH IS CONCEIVED IN HER IS FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT. SHE WILL BEAR A SON, AND YOU SHALL CALL HIS NAME JESUS, FOR HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS."*

**Matthew 1:20-21**

Joseph is described as a just and righteous man in the Bible. He is obedient to what God asks him to do, in marrying Mary, naming Jesus and watching over him as a loving foster father (Matthew 1:18-25).

Joseph is the patron saint of fathers and a great role model for adoptive parents and foster carers.



The last mention of Joseph in the Gospels is when Jesus went missing in Jerusalem when he was 12 (Luke 2:41-52).

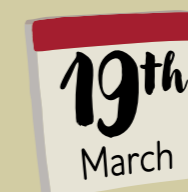
The Bible reveals how Mary and Joseph were naturally worried and then relieved when they found Jesus teaching in the Temple; a reminder to them of how unique their parenting situation was and of what lay ahead in the future.

Joseph worked as a carpenter (Matthew 13:55) and he may have had his own business employing and training others, including Jesus. He is the patron saint of carpenters and workers.



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Joseph,  
Husband of Mary



Joseph  
the Worker



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