



## Day Four – Monday 26th April

# St. Joseph, Foster-Father of Jesus

Find some quiet place. Perhaps have before you an image of St. Joseph. If you wish, light a candle and begin your prayer.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

**Listen to God's Word ...**

"He went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority."  
(Lk. 2:52)

**Pause to reflect**

**Pray to St. 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**

**In silence, place your prayers and petitions in St. Joseph's hands. Please pray also for:** Fathers both living and those who have gone home to God. Fathers who find it difficult being fathers and for families where there are strained relations between father and child.

**Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory be ...**

St. Joseph, Man of Faith, Friend of God, Husband of Mary, Guardian of Jesus.  
**Pray to God for us!**

The Lord bless us and keep us; The Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us; The Lord turn his face toward us and give us his peace both now and forever. **Amen**

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**