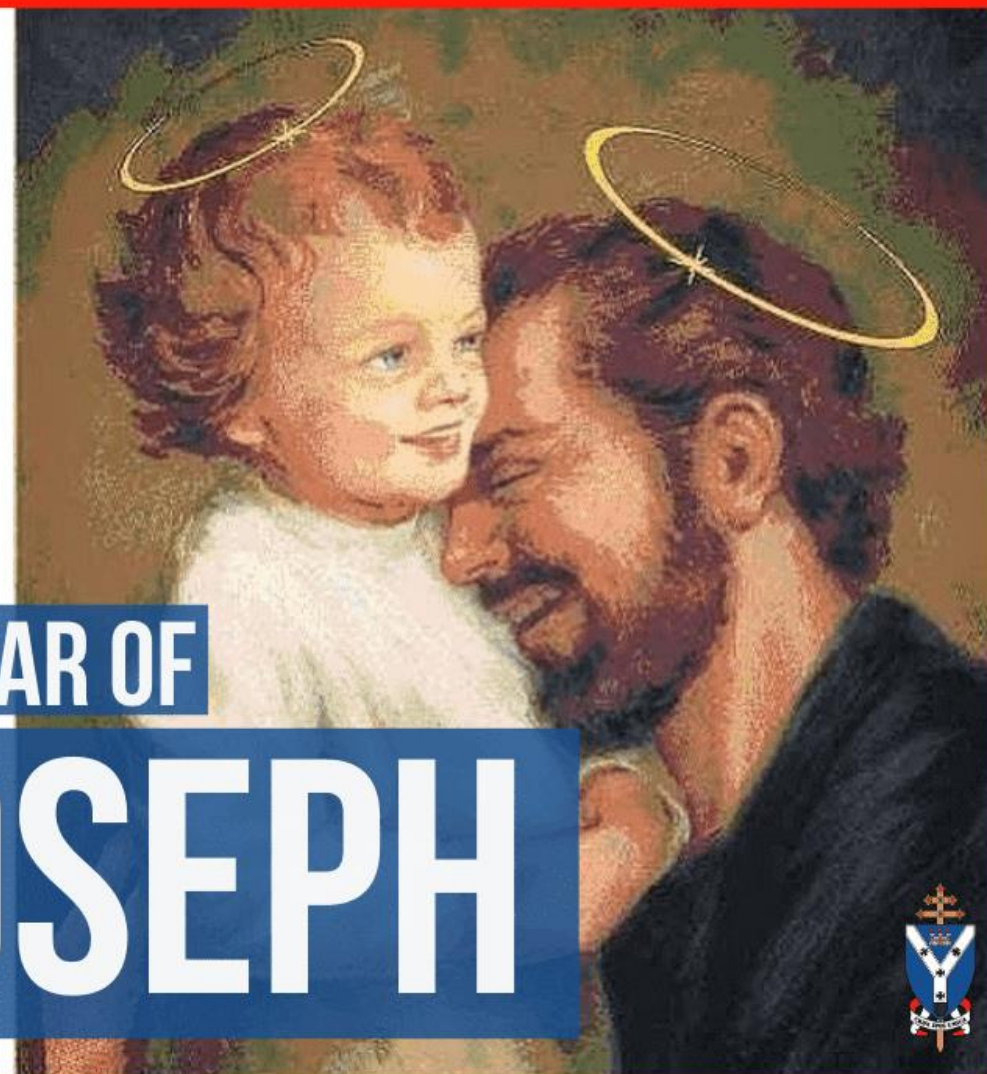


*Pope Francis proclaims...*



**THE YEAR OF**

**ST JOSEPH**



With the Apostolic Letter “Patris corde” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a

“Year of Saint Joseph” from 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021

The Holy Father wrote Patris corde against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”



**SAINT JOSEPH**  
was a just man,  
A TIRELESS WORKER,  
the upright guardian  
OF THOSE ENTRUSTED TO HIS CARE.  
**MAY HE ALWAYS**  
guard, PROTECT, and ENLIGHTEN  
FAMILIES.

- ST. JP II

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# Journey to Bethlehem

Christmas 2020

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To celebrate Christmas we chose to do

**A Journey to Bethlehem**

Where we were able to focus on the role of Mary and St Joseph as they looked after Baby Jesus



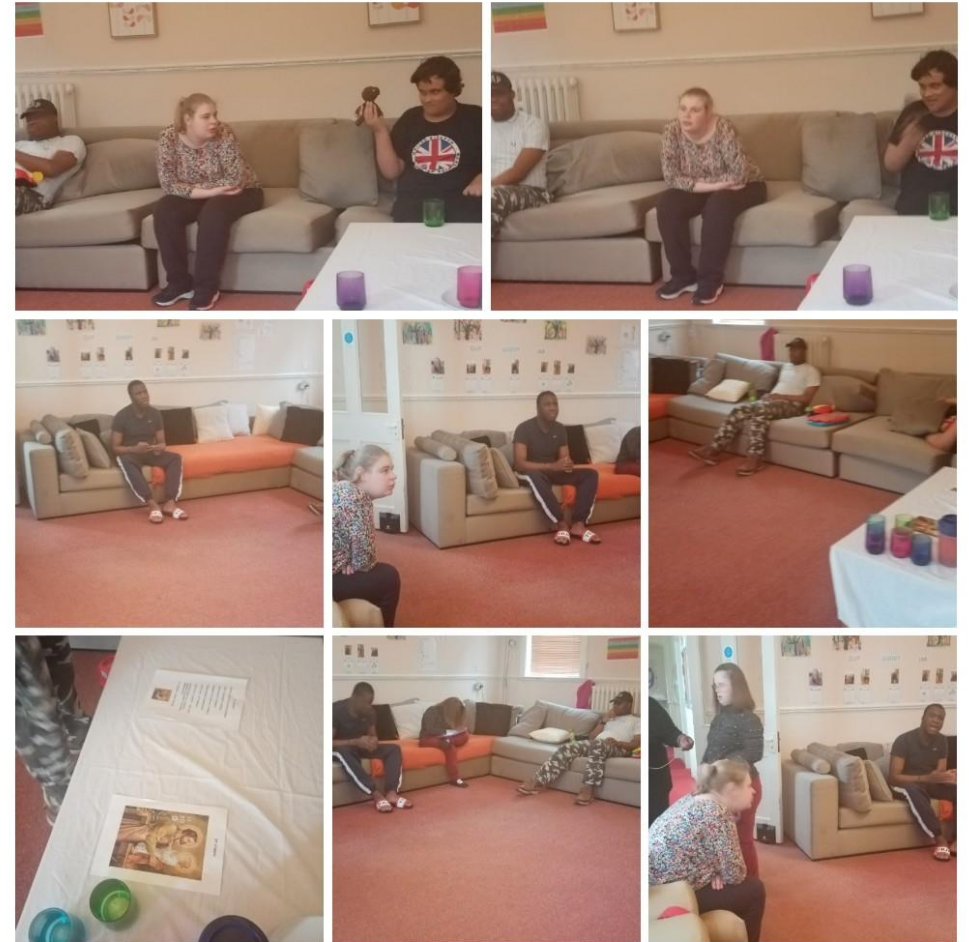




Father Nicholas celebrated mass to mark the feast of St Joseph. We unveiled his statue in the chapel. During his homily he shared with us how Pope Francis prays to the statue of sleeping St Joseph







St Josephs House had a special service and celebration on 19<sup>th</sup> March to mark the patron of their house

We started Spring Term 2021 with a Special Service for all Staff where we found out more about the Life of St Joseph. We listened to a talk by Father James Martin.



## Prayers

- We ask God to help us follow the example of St Joseph
- We pray for our own special intentions
- We pray for everyone in our School Community





# Gad as Joseph

On 1<sup>st</sup> May we had a special Assembly to mark The Feast of St Joseph The Worker. This also linked in with our Caritas Principle – The Dignity of Workers



Every month as a whole school community we followed presentations from Westminster Diocese where we found out more about the special qualities of St Joseph

May – Patron of Workers

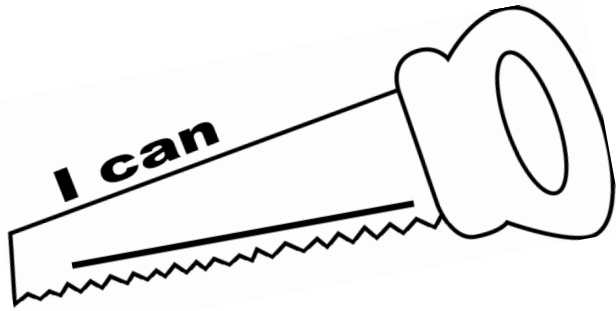


June – Tender and Loving



July – Perseverance

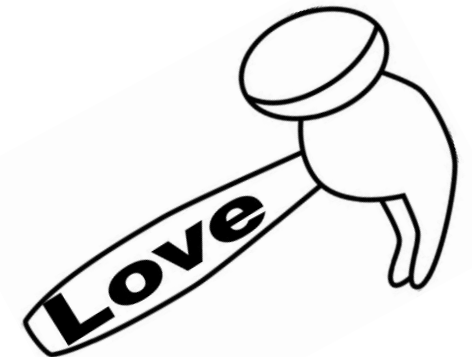
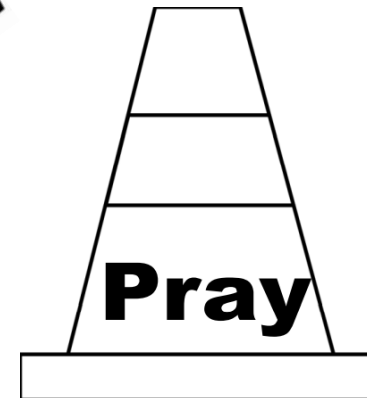
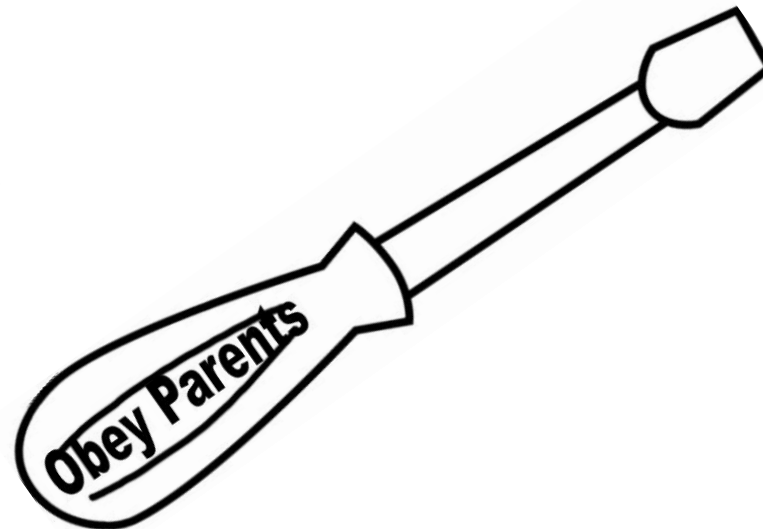




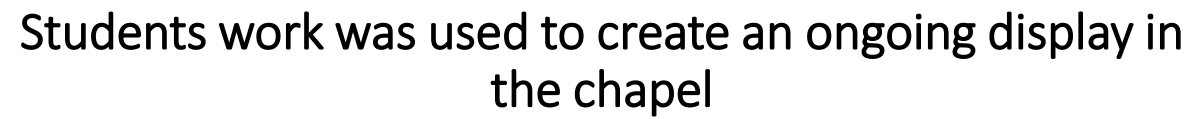
St Joseph was a carpenter.  
He worked with wood and used a variety of tools.



We too can use our hands like St Joseph. We can help others by living out various virtues such praying, loving and showing a good attitude.

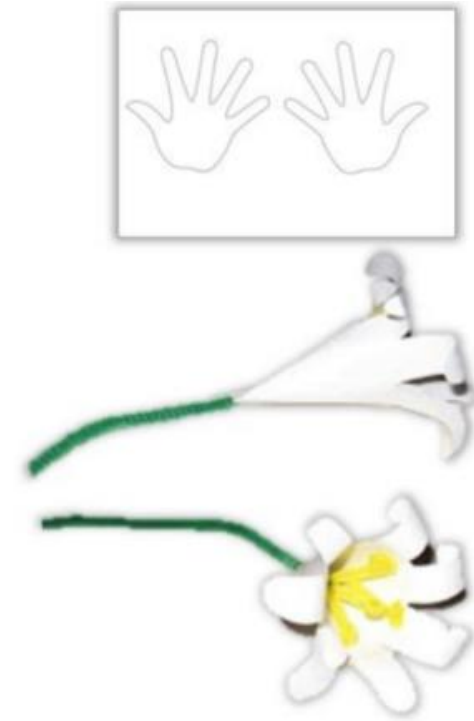






Students work was used to create an ongoing display in the chapel

Students deepened their knowledge about St Joseph and his role in Jesus life during their RE lessons. One week in the Summer Term was dedicated to St Joseph linking it with Fathers Day.



Students made paper lilies which were placed By the statue of St Joseph in school chapel.



In our school grounds we have a statue of St Joseph opposite St Joseph's House. It is also the pick up/ drop off area where all our students, staff, visitors, arrive at the start of the school day.



The white lily is used as a symbol of the purity of St Joseph.





Following on from our work from Laudato Si we chose to use recycled materials for this art work.

We know how important the 3 R's are  
R – Reduce R- Reuse R – Recycle  
to take care of our world – Our Common Home.





***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.***



At Pield Heath we consider it a real blessing to have this special year dedicated to St Joseph.

We plan to continue to mark it by doing special events as a whole school community.

