

Prayer for the day – on one of the feasts of Christmas week



Offer – Thomas Becket was killed at the altar of his Cathedral on December 29th 1170. He would not stand by and allow the King to be a bully. Some knights overheard the king saying, “Will no-one rid me of this turbulent priest?” So they hunted Thomas out and killed him

Reflect – The king was really upset by Thomas’s death as they were actually good friends – just Thomas was being really irritating – the king did not want his friends killed but other people took his words at face value.

Do – Be careful of being angry enough to say things like, “I’ll kill you.” It was what King Henry did and he lost his friend because some knights heard him and thought he was being serious.

Call

Blessed are those who hear the voice of God.

Close

Lord, let us greet the coming day in peace.
Amen

Prayer

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

We have been asked to pray for:

The Pope’s prayer intention for this month: Human fraternity - May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Those who are ill: John Earley, Suzanne Watson,

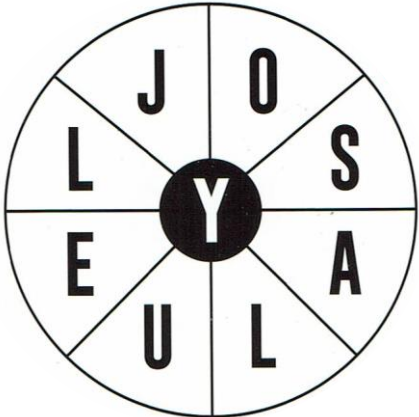
Those who have died recently: Margaret Rock, Hilary Jickells

Month’s mind: Asmat Bi

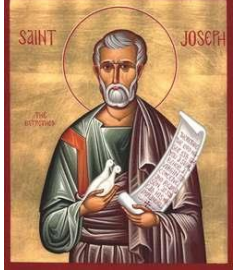
Thought for the week

“In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing. The worst thing you can do is nothing.” – Theodore Roosevelt


Following comments received, the Friday puzzle has been re-instated.

	<p>Word wheel</p> <p>Find as many words as you can of three or more letters using only the letters in the wheel. Every word must contain the central letter. No letter may be used more times in one word than it appears in the wheel. There is at least one nine-letter word</p>
---	---



This is the Year of St Joseph

	<p>An accepting father Joseph's attitude encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are, without exception, and to show special concern for the weak, for God chooses what is weak (cf. 1 Cor 1:27). He is the "Father of orphans and protector of widows" (Ps 68:6), who commands us to love the stranger in our midst.[20] I like to think that it was from Saint Joseph that Jesus drew inspiration for the parable of the prodigal son and the merciful father - Patris Corde.</p>
--	--

Look after yourself

	<p>Focus on doing your best in the circumstances. You do not need to prove anything</p>
---	---

Fratelli Tutti

	<p>— ENCYCLICAL LETTER —</p> <p><i>FRATELLI TUTTI</i></p> <p>— Of the Holy Father Francis —</p> <p>On fraternity and social friendship</p>
	<p>Pope Francis notes that we can observe the dark clouds over a closed world? The despair and discouragement that are widespread in society The polarization that impedes dialogue and living together The persons who are considered easily 'sacrificed' and discarded. The inequality of rights and the new forms of slavery. The moral deterioration and the weakening of spiritual values</p>

Festivals and special days

Sunday is: Baptism of the Lord and the close of the Christmas season

The obligation to hear Mass at church on a Sunday is temporarily suspended although many churches are open for public Mass. Think about making use of a weekday Mass or hearing Mass online. It is usually necessary to book a place in order to attend Mass in a covid-safe manner. Checkout the parish websites for details:

Principally for us from the Cathedral with Bishop Marcus and other local churches which are live-streaming. Details via <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/>

The website <http://www.heavensroadfm.com/> will also repay investigation. There is a Mass scheduled more or less every half-hour during the day

Fr Andrew has a stream from St. Stephen's with Mass and Thought for the Day. The easiest way to find it is via the St Stephen's website. <https://www.ststephenskipton.org.uk/news-calendar/latest-news>

Fr Tony at Our Lady & St Joseph's is also providing Mass and other prayers. Sign up to receive notifications via <https://www.ourlady-stjoseph.org.uk/bulletins/>. Subscribe to the bulletin and you will receive the bulletin and a link for the weekend Mass each week by e-mail

Dial-a-Mass from Middlesbrough diocese. The Mass is recorded and put on the telephone at 12:00noon each Sunday and remains available until 11:59am the following Sunday. The Mass will not go over one hour in length and tends to be around 45 minutes. Anyone who wishes to hear Mass in this way, for the cost of a local call, can access it by dialling 01642 130 120. Additional costs for this service are covered by the Knights of Saint Columba

Flourish as a human being



Be kind: "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people..." (Galatians 6:10)

Keep yourself in good order with tech



Do not use passwords that are about you that may help other people to guess them. Like - not the name of your pet, not your birthday, not the street where you live, not brothers' or sisters' names

It happened today

In 1935 - Birth of Elvis Presley

In 1940 - Food Rationing Begins

Solution to the Puzzle

EXCEPTEMI: SJ
EODD: JB
IWRBET: JG

TEYTONZTA

ZUFGA' AEGGZ' AONZE' ANGEZ' VTFEAS' VFGOAS' ZOFETA' TEYTONZA'
VFGOA' TETGA' JOEAS' JOFGA' GONZA' GOYVI' GAVZE' GAZOG' ZUFGA'
GASZ' OAES' ZGVA' ZTEA' ZDAX' AYGE' AEAZ' AETI' AONZ' ANTE' VTFEA'
VFGA' VAES' EVZA' EAVZ' IVAZ' JOEA' JOAZ' JOGA' IVAZ' TEAS' TAEZ'
VAE' VAZ' IVA' JOA' IVA' TEA' TAE' ZVA' ZGA' ZOA' AEA' AEA' AON'