

AUTUMN WITH

CELEBRATE HOME



WAYS TO CONNECT

We have suggested resources that may be more or less appropriate for different age groups. Look out for the **depthometer** to get a gauge on how suitable the activity will be for the members of your family.

All the links that you need are included in this resource.

Welcome to **CELEBRATE@Home**! This resource is compiled to encourage and support you. We think that this is an opportunity to draw close to Jesus as individuals and as families, and also build community together online.

When Pope Benedict visited the UK in 2010, he spoke to children in Catholic schools. He encouraged them to aim at becoming saints!

“What God wants most of all for each one of you is that you should become holy. He loves you much more than you could ever begin to imagine, and he wants the very best for you. And by far the best thing for you is to grow in holiness.” (The Big Assembly, St Mary’s University, UK, 2010.) This is the call to all of us, and the canonised saints point us in the right direction. This edition of CELEBRATE@Home aims to provide you with ideas on how to help your family get to know the saints and walk with them in the journey of holiness. We have saint crafts and activities, stories and prayer to share, animations and films to use for family movie night, trips to make and Night of Light fun! Feel free to choose whatever suits your family best as you carve out time to focus on our heavenly family.

God bless your families. We will be praying for you.
Claire Fernandes
CELEBRATE Children and Family Lead



Celebrating different saints!

For celebrating individual saints days, and also All Saints, check out Catholic Icing’s post on saints for a host of craft, food, and costume ideas such as paper bag saint puppets, saint printables [here!](#)



Get Crafty!

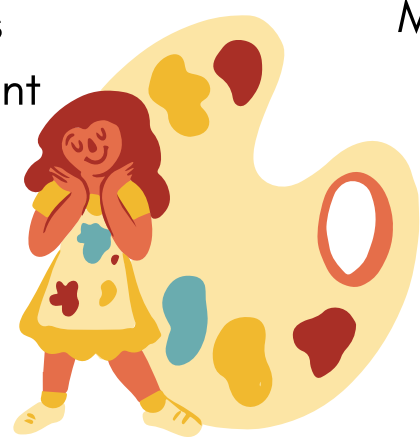
Make your very own paper bag puppets and printable saint crafts [here](#).



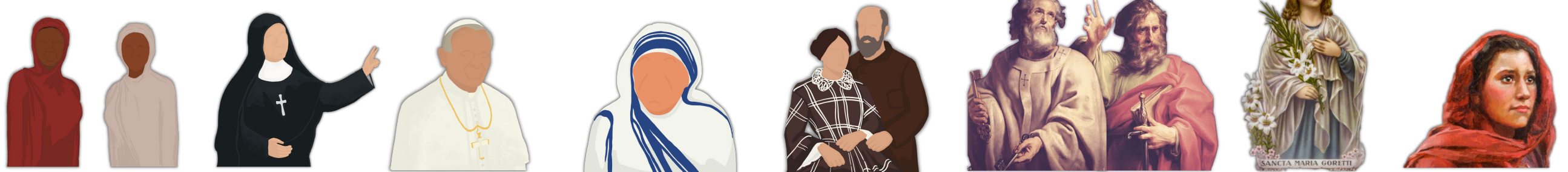
I am no saint - Or am I?

Get your children thinking about what makes us saints with this activity for older children/teens to explore the call to sainthood.

Try this simple pasting craft for St Martin de Porres, whose feast day is on 3rd November, from a Catholic mother’s blog [here](#).



[How about this Patron saints activity from Living Stones craft](#)



[Learn about saints through CAFOD’s prayer cards - they all contain a story, prayer and information about CAFOD’s work!](#)

[St Martin de Porres Prayer card](#) - Feast day: 3rd November

[Saint Josephine Bakhita](#) - Feast day: 8th February

[Activities for celebrating St Peter Faber](#)

FAMILY TIME

CHECK OUT THIS CALENDAR OF SAINTS STORIES FOR ALL AGES

BOOK CORNER

St Joseph – help your children get to know St Joseph in the church year dedicated to him.

John Bosco – Patron of youth

This kind and cheerful priest worked with unruly boys and gave them a sense of purpose and hope. John Bosco treated the boys with respect and taught them right from wrong. He founded the Salesians (for the education of boys) in 1859. He is the patron saint of young boys, Catholic publishers and labourers.

25 Questions about the saints

A great aid for building Catholic literacy and identity, this title answers such questions as: What is a Saint? Is Mary, Mother of Jesus, a saint? Why is St. Thérèse of Lisieux important to young people?

Conversations with Mother Teresa

A personal portrait of this modern-day saint that captures Mother Teresa’s vision, energy, determination, and great love for Jesus in the poorest of the poor.

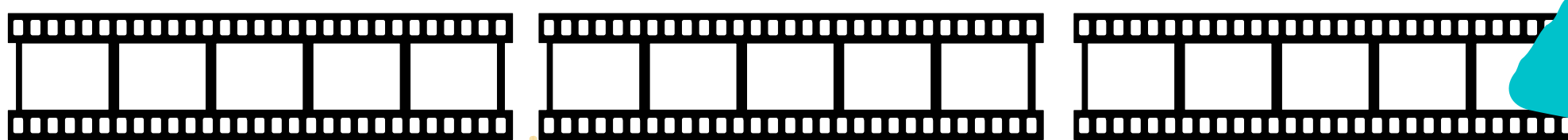
Patris Corde – Why not read a reflection by Pope Francis on Saint Joseph as we journey to end of this Special ‘Year of Saint Joseph’?



How to reflect on the lives of the saints in prayer

Prayers to saint Joseph

A child’s prayer and colouring sheet for Saint Joseph



Blessed Carlo Acutis

First millennial blessed and teen web missionary.

Paul Apostle Of Christ

From the studio that brought you Risen and War Room comes a film of two men’s faith that defied an empire.

Brother Francis resources

Video on demand series for young children, free downloads of saints to colour in, colouring books etc. Books also available on Amazon

Letters from Mother Teresa

The Untold Story of the Saint of Calcutta

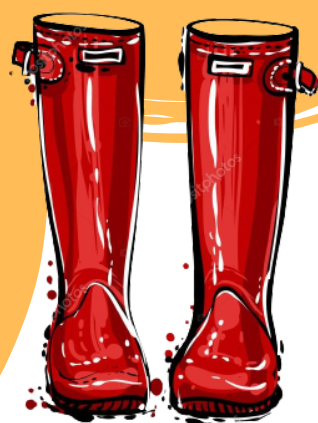
FAMILY TRIPS

How about making a family pilgrimage to your nearest shrine to our Lady? Check website for post lockdown opening times:

- National Shrine to Our Lady in England**
- National shrine to our Lady in Wales**
- National shrine to Our Lady in Scotland**

Wellies walk

Pull on your wellies, wrap up and go for a family walk this autumn. As you walk along, why not say the rosary or a decade of the rosary together?



Jesus - "I am the light of the world"

NIGHT OF LIGHT

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you" Isaiah 60



Celebrate the Vigil of All Saints (31st October) for all ages - chose from a children’s party and dressing up as saints, attending Mass, prayer and adoration. [Read this article here about it for further information](#)

WHAT IS CELEBRATE?



CELEBRATE is a Catholic ministry, that provides conferences, resources and other events for the formation and teaching of an intergenerational audience whose main focus is family.

CELEBRATE’s vision is to inspire and equip people of all ages to live an authentic Christian life today, for the renewal of the Catholic Church and the building of God’s Kingdom on earth.

You can find more information and resources like this on our website www.celebratetrust.org

We’d love to hear from you! Join the CELEBRATE community on our [Facebook](#), or get in touch via email: info@celebratetrust.org