

# St Joseph in Scripture



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 a great role model and the patron saint of fathers.

Joseph worked as a carpenter (Matthew 13:55). He may have had a business which employed others and taught the trade, indeed it is likely that he taught Jesus. He is the patron saint of carpenters and workers.



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 episode.

The last mention of Joseph in the Gospels is when Jesus went missing in Jerusalem at the age of 12 (Luke 2:41-52). The Bible reveals how Mary and Joseph were naturally worried and then relieved when Jesus was found teaching in the Temple; a reminder to them of how unique their parenting situation was.