

## *A Coffee with Alessio*



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### A Novena to Saint Joseph

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope that everyone had a very joyful Easter Sunday and that everyone had sometime over the last couple of weeks to catch their breath.

Today's edition of the column is a brief one. I will publish the regular edition on Friday of this week. However, on Saturday 1 May we celebrate the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. This is the same Saint Joseph who was the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. Saint Joseph worked hard to provide for his family, but he also offers us a model of work where we give glory to God.

This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955 as the Church's response to Communism and the Worker's Day parades. We all need to work to survive. However, our work should be purposeful, honest and allow us to provide for ourselves and the needs of our families.

This Thursday 22 April I invite you to begin a Novena to Saint Joseph (nine days of prayer), by praying the prayer from Pope Francis' letter – "With a Father's Heart", which he released last year to help us the celebrate this year as a Year of Saint Joseph.

You can use this time to pray for the needs of others as well as your own.

Till Friday, I hope you have a wonderful week, and if you are looking for a coffee, Shingle Inn in the Belmont Forum is a good place to go. Their sour cherry cake (which I've mentioned before) with a latte or flat white will be a good treat especially for school staff as they go back to school this week. I look forward to sharing more about my coffees and cakes that I had during the holidays with you throughout term 2.

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*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.*

Saint Joseph, pray for us.