

SEPTEMBER 2015 - The month of Our Lady of Sorrows



In the Spring new life abounds.
Plan a trip to a farm or zoo to see some baby animals and talk about new life.



Saints can seem like people from long ago. Talk to your children about **Blessed Teresa of Calcutta** (26 August 1910 - 5 September 1997). For ideas see: <http://bit.ly/1Jq8x8Z> and <http://bit.ly/1NjBLHc>.



Make homemade, heartfelt cards for Dad and your parish priest for **Father's Day** (Sunday 6 September).

Sing Happy Birthday to Our Lady to celebrate the **Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Tuesday 8 September).



Decorate letters spelling out MARY. Be colourful and creative to celebrate the **Holy Name of Mary** (Saturday 12 September).



Social Justice Week (13-19 September)
 Take time to pray for families that you know who are going through a hard time. How is God calling you to respond?
www.caritas.org.nz/resources/social-justice-week



Find a cross craft to celebrate the **Triumph of the Cross** (Monday 14 September).

Create a mobile of the 7 Sorrows of Mary or print the Sorrows of Mary colouring-in pages on Catholicicing.com for The Feast Day of **Our Lady of Sorrows** (Tuesday 15 September).

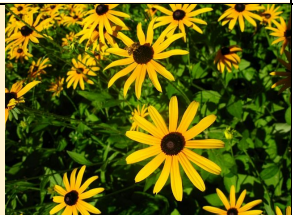


www.catholicicing.com/seven-sorrows-of-mary-printable-mobile-craft/

Discuss **St Matthew's** call from Christ "Follow me" (Matt 9:9-13) and how we are all called to belong to the family of God (Monday 21 September).



This the perfect time to **plant a summer garden**. Even a small garden can help children feel close to God through His creation.



Pray the prayer to St Michael the Archangel on the Feast of **Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael** (Tuesday 29 September).
"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls."

Learn **"Veni Sancte Spiritus" (Come Holy Spirit)** or another phrase in Latin.
St Jerome (Wednesday 30 September) translated the Bible from Hebrew to Latin.

