

## **St Joseph, Protector of The Church**

St Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus,  
you have been charged with the protection of the universal Church  
so that you might care for all the children of the Kingdom  
in the same way that you lovingly cared for the members of the Holy Family.

From heaven, where you now live with Jesus and Mary,  
guide and protect the people of God walking toward fullness of life.

Bring together from the four corners of the world all your children  
so that they may live in one Spirit.  
Lead all Christians to unity in the Church.

We ask your intercession St Joseph for the work of the Church  
in the Archdiocese of Liverpool,  
as we journey together  
towards Synod 2020.

Obtain for the Holy Father, for Archbishop Malcolm, and for all the faithful,  
who with them, form the Church community,  
the graces of understanding, courage and strength  
so that we may all live according to the teaching and example  
of Our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

*Adapted for Synod 2020*

