

AUGUST 2018 - The month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



St Alphonsus Mary Liguori (Wednesday 1 August) is the patron saint of confessors. Visit *Catholic Icing* blog to do a craft about the “**Treasures of Reconciliation**”: <http://bit.ly/29CqBOY>



Do some **star watching** on the feast of **St Dominic** (Friday 3 August), the patron saint of astronomers. Try and find the Southern Cross.

St John Vianney (Saturday 4 August) is the patron saint of priests, and a great role model for any boys who would like to become a priest. **Pray for priests** that they may grow in number and persevere in their vocation.



Celebrate **The Transfiguration of the Lord** (Monday 6 August) by wearing white and setting the dining table with a white cloth to recall how Jesus’ “face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light” (Matthew 17:2).



St Mary of the Cross (Wednesday 8 August) is the first Australasian Saint and one of the Church’s newer saints, canonized in 2010. Visit *Cath Family* blog to make a chatterbox using inspiring quotes from St Mary Mackillop: <http://bit.ly/29q2ikO>

Have your children help cook dinner in honour of **St Lawrence, patron of Chefs** (Friday 10 August).



Visit *Tercets* blog to make an **Immaculate Heart of Mary** craft during the month of August using felt and buttons:



<http://bit.ly/29Cu67Q>

St Clare (Saturday 11 August) had such a strong devotion to the Blessed Sacrament that her symbol is the **monstrance**. Visit Eucharistic Adoration, even if only briefly with young children and/or visit *Catholic Icing* blog for monstrance craft ideas:



<http://tinyurl.com/zu736k9>



St Maximilian Kolbe (Tuesday 14 August) was imprisoned during the Second World War and offered himself in exchange for the father of a large family who was to be executed. **Pray for those who suffer in our world** today from man’s inhumanity, and in particular pray for an end to abortion.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Wednesday 15 August) is the Patronal Feast for Aotearoa, New Zealand. Make an Assumption Triptych with the Immaculate Conception on the left, the Assumption of Mary in the middle, and Mary as Queen of heaven and earth on the right, like this one from *Homeschooling Down Under* blog.

Pope St Pius X (Tuesday 21 August) loved the Holy Eucharist. He encouraged people to receive Jesus as often as they could, and even made a law permitting children to receive Holy Communion earlier than ever before. Pray the “Our Father” for our current Holy Father’s intentions.



If you did not do a May crowning, you can do one to celebrate **The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Wednesday 22 August). Use real flowers, or make a crown from fake flowers.



Learn the names of the 12 Apostles. Visit *Activities for Kids* blog to make a Jesus Crown and Disciple Fish mobile that features **St Bartholomew** (Friday 24 August): <http://tinyurl.com/zr9rt4b>

Do something nice for your mother in honour of **St Monica** (Monday 27 August), who followed her son **St Augustine** and prayed for years for his conversion to Christianity.



St Augustine’s (Tuesday 28 August) complete turnaround and conversion has been an inspiration to many who struggle with bad habits. St Augustine became a famous Catholic writer and one of the greatest saints who ever lived. Be comforted that there is no one whom God cannot forgive and help change.



Have a snack with honey to inspire discussion about **St John the Baptist**. Because he was a great preacher and drew crowds of people wanting baptism, Herod had him arrested and thrown into prison. Soon after that John was beheaded. We commemorate **The Passion of John the Baptist** on 29 August.

