Celebrating

Saint Valentine

2014

Honouring marriage as
life-long romantic love

Who is Saint Valentine?

St Valentine was a priest in Rome at the time of Emperor Claudius II. Urgent to recruit soldiers for his armies, Claudius decreed that all weddings be suspended so as to encourage more single, childless men to serve in combat. Seeing the anguish of the young couples to marry, St Valentine performed secret weddings in defiance of the Emperor.

He was eventually arrested and imprisoned. While awaiting execution, St Valentine restored the sight of his jailer's blind daughter. On the eve of his death, he is reported to have penned a farewell note to the young girl signing it,

"From your Valentine"

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He was beheaded on February 14, 269 AD and buried on the Flaminian Way where archaeologists have unearthed a catacomb and an ancient church dedicated in his name. He is the Patron Saint of engaged couples, happy marriages, love and lovers.
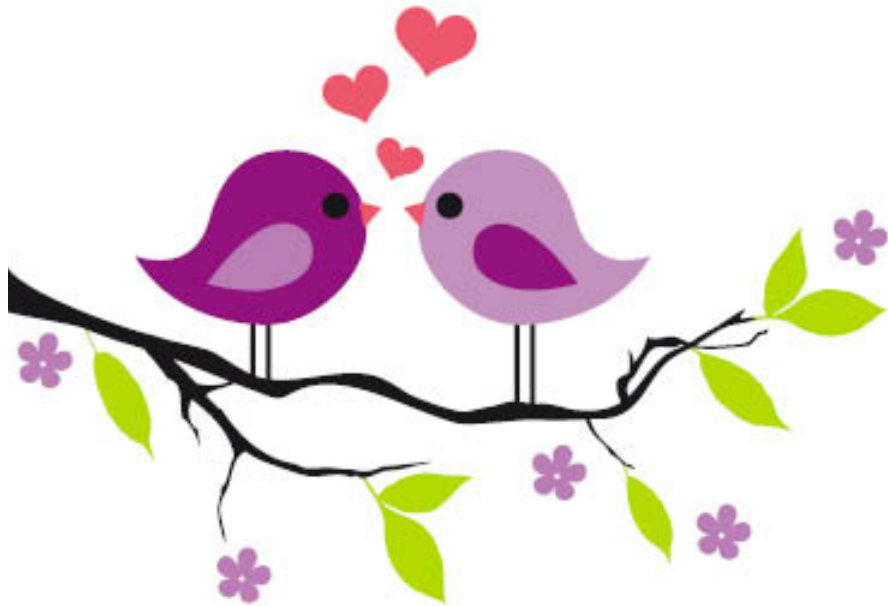
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Celebrate Saint Valentine

We celebrate today not only the love shared by those couples among us, but also the love of the Great Lover, Jesus. Christ, our bridegroom, invites us to join him in an everlasting covenant; an eternal love union that is reflected in the love of each and every dedicated married couple.

Growing in Love

God calls every married couple to
deepen their faith and their intimacy.
*Pick up your copy of **Growing in Love***
in the Church foyer

Saint Valentine's Day

Wishing our faithful married couples a joyful St Valentine's Day. Thank you for your example of love.