OPENING PRAYER – ST. JOSEPH'S AGM – JUNE 8, 2016

O God, for your love for us, warm and brooding, which has brought us to birth and opened our eyes to the wonder and beauty of creation, we give you thanks.

For your love for us, wild and freeing, which has awakened us to the energy of creation: to the sap that flows, the blood that pulses, the heart that sings.

We give you thanks

For your love for us, compassionate and patient, which has carried us through our pain, wept beside us in our sin, and waited with us in our confusion.

We give you thanks.

For your love for us, strong and challenging, which has called us to risk for you, asked for the best in us, and shown us how to serve.

We give you thanks.

O God, we come to celebrate that your Holy Spirit is present deep within us, and at the heart of all life.

May we always remember your gift of love made known to us in Jesus. Draw us deeper into your presence and help us to be your presence to others.