

Happy 26th Nov.
(St. Jerome)

OUR FATHER

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--- For us now, what's probably most relevant about St Jerome is his life-long dedication to the word of God in scripture, which should give us encouragement to nourish our Christian life and prayer and understanding on these same scriptures: they are after all God speaking to you and me today.

MUSIC ["HAW AWAY" 1² 2:15] PRAYER.

God speaks in many ways — if St Jerome gave his life to God's word in scripture, there's another saint who'd probably have been much more at home AND finding the voice of God in the festivity and celebrations of this evening in HK, St Francis whose feast day is (appropriately) later this week. He'd surely have enjoyed and appreciated the rabbits and gold-fish and butterflies and all the other traditional lanterns of the mid-autumn festival — the lights out of doors, the full moon rising; and even the more modern lanterns that are more inspired by the technology and comforts of life today than by the legends behind the festival. He called the moon his sister, and found in simple things the message of God's love and of the brotherhood of men rejoicing together in the light, the colour, the goodness of creation. When you enjoy tonight the atmosphere of festivity, the enjoyment of the children, and the holiday tomorrow, you can hear the voice of God, as St Francis wd. do, were he here in HK now: you can sing in your heart in praise of God, and join your prayer with that of Francis who saw God's love in everything and asked to be an instrument of God's peace among men & women everywhere.