

8 JANUARY

- 1 In 1989 a spacecraft called 'Galileo' was launched on a journey to the planet Jupiter. The craft was named after the astronomer, Galileo, who died on this day in 1642.
- 2 Using a telescope, Galileo (the astronomer) discovered four moons orbiting the planet Jupiter. We now know that Jupiter has at least 16 moons. The largest moon, Callisto, is larger than the planet Mercury.
- 3 Jupiter itself is 1400 times the volume of our own planet Earth. Whilst the Earth is 150 million km (93 million miles) from the Sun, Jupiter's orbit is five times that distance from the Sun.
- 4 *Let us pray:*

Lord God,

may all of your creation

- from the vastness

of mighty planets and stars

to the lowliness

of the smallest living creature

I can see

- remind me

to live in wonder and appreciation

of all that is around me. Amen.

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