# Looking Forward



8<sup>th</sup> March 2021: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent The Gospel of Mark tells us that :

### "Jesus knew them all



Looking forward to Easter ~ In the Year of St Joseph ~

#### Jesus Knows and Loves Us

Think about how much he loves you and what He would want you to do in different situations. Talk to him every day through prayer. Tell him what is in your heart and how much you appreciate the good things he has given you.

The season of Lent is the time for



Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.



In this season of Lent what are you doing to show your love for others?

## - + + "Turn back, get up and learn from life." + + +



Man has a noble task: that of prayer and love. +

To pray and love, that is the happiness of man on earth. - St. Jean Vianney

O Lord, as You touched St. John of God, touch us too. Transform our being and give us, like him, the capacity to choose You and to choose others, particularly those who suffer. Make us sensitive to the needs of others, make us capable of being with each one of them, of being open and reaching out to those who need us. May we like him, with his spirit, and with the aid of technology, choose to be hospitable to others, especially those who suffer. Amen

#### Feast day of Saint John of God : 8th March

St John of God, was born on 8<sup>th</sup> March 1495 at Montemor-o-Novo in Portugal. Twice he enlisted in the Spanish army against the French and later the Turks. After years of living a highly religious way of life in Spain resulting from a conversion experience, in 1535 he founded his first hospital at Granada, where he served the sick and afflicted.

After ten years spent in the exercise of charity, he died of pneumonia on 8<sup>th</sup> March 1550, , after he had plunged into a river to save a young man from drowning. He was made a saint by Pope Alexander VIII in 1690.





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