

Looking Forward



We are an Easter People

~ In the Year of St Joseph ~ In the Year of the Family ~

On 8th December Pope Francis declared a Year of St Joseph, to mark the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

We look forward to this year unfolding.

Last month Pope Francis declared a Year of the Family, to mark the 5th anniversary of his book *Amoris Laetitia*, on the joy of family love. We look forward to this year too.

On 23rd March we remembered the first anniversary of the first lockdown, and remembered those who have died.

We look forward to an end to the emergency.

~ Anniversaries help us to remember. ~

~ Anniversaries remind us to look forward. ~

The memory of Jesus' Resurrection reminds us to look forward.

For we are a people of hope, an Easter people.

11th April 2021:
2nd Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel of John,
Jesus says to his friends

“Receive the
Holy Spirit”



“What we have been promised is greater than we can imagine.”



Lourdes – a place of hope.

HCPT – a pilgrimage of hope.



The Brentwood Catholic Youth pilgrimage
- a journey of hope, a journey as a family.



Could this be you in '22?

“Let us make this journey as
families, let us keep walking
together.”

- Pope Francis

Feast day of St Bernadette : 16th April



Bernadette Soubirous was only 14 years old when she experienced the famous apparitions of Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, at the grotto of Massabielle outside her home town of Lourdes between February and June of 1858. Her visions were declared as authentic by the Church in 1862 and Bernadette was canonised a saint in 1933. Lourdes has a population of only 15,000 but some 5 million pilgrims visit annually.



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