

# Looking Forward



## We are an Easter People

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

Every year at Easter, the Pope – as Bishop of Rome – delivers his message and blessing to the City of Rome and to the whole world (*Urbi et Orbi*). In 2020 and in 2021, he had to do so from inside St Peter’s Basilica due to Covid restrictions, rather than to the crowds in St Peter’s Square.

This year, Pope Francis preached how the Risen Christ gives hope for those suffering from the pandemic, the sick and those who have lost a loved one.

He stressed that everyone has a right to be cared for.

“The Risen Lord is a comfort,” said Pope Francis.

**We are an Easter people.**

**We are people who look forward  
in hope.**

**25<sup>th</sup> April 2021:  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

In the Gospel of John,  
Jesus says to his friends

“I am the  
Good Shepherd”



“Please. Thank you. Sorry. With these three words, things are fine”



**Recommended personal research project**

Why is Rome called the Holy City?

**Feast day of St Catherine of Siena : 29<sup>th</sup> April**



Catherine was a lay member of the Dominican order. She was famous as a mystic, an activist and an author. She might be described as the original “influencer”! She influenced popes and princes and cardinals with her letters, of which she wrote hundreds. She wrote numerous prayers, and a set of spiritual treatises collected together as a book under the title *The Dialogue of Divine Providence*. She was even sent on special missions by the Pope!

“Let us journey as families,  
walking together.”



- Pope Francis



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