

Looking Forward



“Mary arose and went with haste”
(Luke 1 : 39)

7th December 2020 :
the Second Sunday of
Advent, the beginning of
the Church’s year.

In the Gospel John the
Baptist says : “Prepare a
way for the Lord, make his
path straight.”



In June 2019 Pope Francis announced that the theme for the next World Youth Day, in Lisbon in 2022, would be “Mary arose and went with haste”. Mary didn’t hesitate, she got up and went straight away to begin sharing her own personal good news which would be turn out to be Good News for everyone. She had the right attitude :
GET UP AND GO!

One of the people who heard this Good News was her cousin Elizabeth. She was the mother of John the Baptist, another believer in the Good News who showed
GET UP AND GO!

In his preaching, John invites us, in the words of Isaiah, to look forward to the coming of Christ, to prepare, to
GET UP AND GO!

HOW CAN YOU “PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD”?

It is easy in a consumer society to seek joy in owning things, but this doesn’t really bring us satisfaction.

What can you do? You can seek to be positive in how you deal with others, You can work with others to create peace rather than conflict. You can reach out to those in need.

Think practically: what is possible in the current circumstances? Maybe you could create a virtual message for someone who can’t get out or fundraise in a creative way.

WHAT CHARITY INITIATIVES ARE
YOU SUPPORTING DURING
ADVENT?
HOW ARE YOU PREPARING?



St Maria Guiseppe Rosello
Saint of the Day,
7th December 2020

She was a saint who believed in doing practical things to prepare a way for the Lord. At the age of 26 in 1837, she and three companions founded the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy.

The congregation was devoted to charitable works, hospitals, and educating poor young women. In 1840, Maria Giuseppe, was made superior and put in charge. By the time she died on December 7, 1888, she had set up sixty-eight foundations. She was canonized in 1949.

