

Looking Forward



A New Year of Good News ~ The Year of St Joseph ~

A New Year is a time for LOOKING FORWARD. We look forward to the Year of St Joseph unfolding; we look forward to the opportunities it will bring us. We look forward to World Youth Day in Lisbon in 2023.

In this new year of 2021, let's think how we can

Be filled with the Spirit!

When Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan, the Spirit came down upon him.

His Baptism marked a new beginning, the beginning of His mission.

Let us begin 2021 with a new sense of mission.

Let us be open to the Spirit of God.

10th January :

Baptism of the Lord.

In the Gospel of Mark, John the Baptist tells us of Jesus that:

“He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.”



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“Do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world Many appreciate you, admire you and love you. Remember that to be happy is not to have a sky without a storm, a road without accidents, work without fatigue, and relationships without disappointments. To be happy is to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, security in the stage of fear, love in discord. It is not only to enjoy the smile, but also to reflect on the sadness ... It is to thank God for every morning, for the miracle of life.”

- Fernando Passoa, *Stages of Life*

“God loves you. Never doubt this, whatever may happen to you in life. At every moment, you are infinitely loved.”

- Pope Francis

Feast day of Blessed William Carter

11th January

William was a printer and bookseller who was arrested several times during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I for printing Catholic pamphlets and failing to attend Anglican services.



During his 18 months imprisoned in the Tower of London, his wife died. He was tortured on the rack in an attempt to gain the names of further Catholic sympathisers. At his trial, while the jurors deliberated for only 15 minutes, he made his final confession to the priest who was on trial with him. William was hanged, drawn and quartered on 11th January 1584.

