Looking Forward



24th January 2021: 3rd Sunday of the Year. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus comes out of the desert with the message: "Repent and believe in the Good News!"



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

A New Year: a way forward. To look for Good News.

Maybe make plans to travel, to meet people again —
maybe to World Youth Day, in Lisbon in 2023?

In a year where we need good news, we have it already!

Jesus began his mission coming straight out of the
desert with a new message:

REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOOD NEWS!

Turn away from things

which hold you back and hurt and harm:

Believe in the Gospel! Live the Gospel!

Tell others about the Gospel!

The Gospel is the Good News!*

(* it literally is! The Old English word goðspel means ... Good News!)

+ Live the Gospel. Live the Good News. Live for others. +

Lord Jesus, give us the grace to hear your voice, And the strength to continue working for your kingdom in this time of pandemic.

Do not allow us to be indifferent to those who today suffer the loss of a loved one, or who suffer from the absence of work.

But give us the courage to accompany and side with those who suffer violence or injustice. Amen."



- CAFOD partner Javier Eduardo Martinez Rueda

"Give yourselves over to the best of life! Open the door of the cage, go out and fly!"

- Pope Francis

Feast day of Blessed Michal Kozal 26th January



Michal was born in a Polish part of Germany which gained its independence in the new Republic of Poland after the First World War. He was ordained a priest in 1918 and bishop of Wloclawek in 1939. Only three weeks later,

Poland was invaded and occupied by the Nazis and Michal refused to cooperate with the authorities, who insisted on censoring his homilies. He was imprisoned by the Gestapo and tortured on many occasions before being sent to Dachau concentration camp, where he ministered to fellow prisoners until he was murdered by the SS. He was beatified by John Paul II in 1987.





