

Looking Forward



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

2021, the Year of St Joseph. A way forward.
An opportunity to appreciate the Good News.
What are you going to do this year in order to

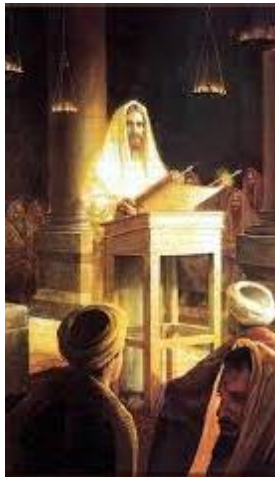
Listen to the teaching of Christ?

Jesus went to the village of Capernaum,
a small village on the Sea of Galilee.
Jesus taught in the synagogue on the Sabbath.
The people responded to Jesus' teaching
with astonishment,
noting Jesus' authority and
contrasting it with the scribes'.

1st February 2021:
4th Sunday of the
Year.

In the Gospel of
Mark, the people
said:

**“Here is a teaching
that is new and
with authority
behind it!”**



+ A new teaching, a new commandment +



Brigid you were a woman of peace.
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope
to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace cover those who are
troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted
in our hearts and in our world.
Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has
made.
Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the
weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a
quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind,
body and spirit.
Amen.

Brigid of Ireland, or of Kildare, has been
venerated since the early Middle Ages, along with
Patrick and Columba, as one of the three
national patron saints of Ireland.

By the end of the seventh century, at least two
Latin biographies had been written describing
her as a nobleman's daughter who chose to
consecrate herself to God who took the veil as
a Christian nun, and became the leader of a
community of religious women—or perhaps of
both women and men. Certainly by the 7th
century there was an important double
monastery at Kildare that regarded her as its
founder. There were many miracles associated
with her. Her feast day is 1st February.



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