

Looking Forward



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

A New Year : one half-term completed.
A chance to reflect on what we have achieved so far.
Which resolutions have we kept, which broken?
What further resolutions do we need to make
in this year of challenge?

To help us in our resolve,
let us remember to look for Christ in our lives,
and in the persons of the people we meet –
for they too are looking for Christ,
they too have their successes and setbacks,
they too need help to redouble their efforts.
Our Sunday Gospel reminds us that we are not alone :
Everybody is looking for Christ

7th February 2021:
5th Sunday of the Year.
In the Gospel of Mark,
Simon Peter says to
Jesus:
**“Everybody is looking
for you.”**



+ Help us to find Christ. For ourselves. And in others. +

WHERE TO FIND JESUS ...

I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in, I
needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick
and you looked after me, I was in prison and you
came to visit me.’

... ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of
the least of these brothers and sisters of mine,
you did for me.’

Matthew 25 :
35-36, 40



“Everyone is born as an original, but many
people end up dying as photocopies”.
Don’t let that happen to you!

- Pope Francis

Feast day of Saint Josephine Bakhita

8th February

Saint Josephine (1869-1947)
was born in Darfur in Sudan,
captured by slave traders at
the age of 7 and repeatedly
sold and brutally treated. She
was fortunate to be given into
the care of the Canossian nuns
in Venice where she
encountered Christianity,
converted and joined the
community. Her personal
holiness and her book “My
Miraculous Story” were
inspirational and continue to
inspire today.



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