

Looking Forward



6th June 2021:
Corpus Christi
In Mark's Gospel,
Jesus says
**This is
My Body.**



We are a Community Looking Forward

~ In the Year of St Joseph ~
~ In the Year of the Family ~

Pope Francis said :

“Whenever we pray, we find ourselves immersed in a great stream of past, present and future intercession for the needs of individuals and of the whole world ...

We are joined in the communion of all those who have gone before and we should work to build peace, welcoming all and moving towards a fairer world.”



“Being in Communion. Being in Community.”



The Franciscans have a long tradition in England, going back to 1224 when the first friars landed near Dover and a friary was established in London. With the growth of the Catholic Church following the Catholic Emancipation Act of 1829, the friars were established in Stratford in 1873 and Woodford in 1894. These areas still have a proud Franciscan tradition. The Diocese of Brentwood has strong Franciscan links with a number of communities active within it.



Feast day of St Columba : 9th June

Saint Columba (known in Ireland as Colmcille) was an Irish missionary who died in 597 AD. He was the leader of a group of monks who founded an abbey on the island of Iona on the west of Scotland. This was a centre of learning and Columba is reputed to have written several hymns himself. He is also associated with the Books of Kells and Durrow, famous examples of medieval manuscripts. He is a patron saint of Ireland following St Patrick and St Brigid and was acknowledged as a saint not long after his death.

The Knights of St Columba are an order of Catholic men bound together in Charity, Unity and Fraternity in order to enrich their own faith and spirituality and by their own words and actions to proclaim the spiritual, moral and social message of the Catholic Church. The order was founded in 1919 and named after the saint.



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