Looking Forward



2nd Sunday of Advent 6th December 2021 :

In the Gospel of Luke, we are asked to :

"Prepare the way of the Lord."



A Church That Looks Forward

 \sim In the Year of St Joseph \sim \sim In the Year of the Family \sim





In Advent we are preparing the way of the Lord. John the Baptist was seen as the voice crying in the wilderness, and many responded.

How have you listened, how have you been asked to respond? We have the opportunity to follow Jesus in word and deeds. What are you going to do?

"LORD, WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS LET ME BRING LIGHT."

SAINTS AND SCHOOLS # 6

The feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady is celebrated on December 8th. This day is one of the most important celebrations of the pure and sinless conception and life of the Virgin Mary and throughout the world. In the Diocese of Brentwood there are a number of schools dedicated



to Our Lady but only one called Our Lady Immaculate, which is to be found in Chelmsford. The school seeks to inspire the children to be excellent for themselves but also for the glory of God.

"True love recognises that everyone has unique gifts and a different path in life." (Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*)

Feast day of Saint Nicholas 6th December

St Nicholas was a 4th century Bishop who is the patron saint of many groups including students.

There were many miracles granted through his intervention. Due to the story of him calming a storm he is also the patron saint of seafarers, and there are many churches dedicated to him in seaports around the world.

The story of him providing gifts of money, in secret, to a poor family appears in many pictures across Europe.



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