

Looking Forward



6th January 2022 :

The Gospel of Matthew points out :
“From you, Bethlehem ... shall come
a ruler who is to shepherd my
people.”

A Church That Looks Forward



~ In the Year of the Family ~



In Advent we prepared the way of the Lord.

At Christmas we celebrated the birth of Jesus.

We are now looking forward to what the new year brings.
The new year gives us an opportunity to make changes in our
lives.

What are you going to do?

“O divine Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console.”

SCHOOLS AND FOUNDERS # 8

The Palmer Catholic Academy
is the only school in the Diocese of
Brentwood named after a local
priest. Canon Patrick Palmer spent
between 1896 and 1946 helping
transform the Catholic faith and
churches in Ilford. He was responsible for the
building of the first permanent church on Ilford
High Road in 1899. He was also responsible for
the building of the churches in Manor Park and
Barkingside. He built the first Catholic school in
Ilford on the High Street opening in 1900, later
followed by St Winefride's School in Manor Park.



“The final word on our life will belong to
Jesus.”

(Pope Francis, *Youth Sunday Mass 2021*)

Feast of the Epiphany

6th January



The feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on 6th January
and marks the end of the twelve days of Christmas. It
celebrates the revelation that Jesus Christ was the Son
of God, focussing on the fact that this was revealed to
the Three Wise Men. The gifts they brought of Gold,
Frankincense and Myrrh were deeply symbolic. Gold
was the sign of kingship, showing Jesus reigns forever,
Frankincense was used in worship showing Jesus was
God and Myrrh was a herb used to anoint the dead
which foreshadowed Jesus' death and resurrection.



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