

Looking Forward



16th January 2022 :
In the Gospel of John, Mary says :
“Do whatever he tells you.”

New Year, Good News



~ In the Year of the Family ~



At the wedding in Cana, Jesus responded to the request for help from his mother in changing the water into wine.

It was the first time that Jesus revealed himself to be divine.

We look forward to meeting Jesus in the Eucharist, where bread and wine are turned into His Body and Blood.

How do you respond to requests?

How do you prepare yourself to meet Jesus?

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

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St Antony of Padua was a priest and a friar of the Franciscan order who lived 1195-1231.

He was born and brought up in Portugal and died in Italy. He was well known for his preaching, knowledge of scripture as well as his love of the poor and the sick. There are 2 primary schools in the diocese named after St Antony, one at Woodford Green, the other in Forest Gate. The school at Forest Gate was founded by the Ursulines in 1862, originally for the poor.



“Jesus reassures us:

I am always with you.”

(Pope Francis, *Youth Sunday Mass 2021*)



Feast of St Fabian : 20th January



St Fabian was a Pope and martyr who died on 20th January 250 AD. He was killed by the Roman Emperor Decius in an attempt to destroy the Church. His body was taken in procession to be buried in the catacombs below Rome. It was then moved to the church of St Sebastian by Pope Clement XI in the 18th Century. Fabian had not wanted to become pope, but was elected when a dove miraculously descended on him showing that he was the choice of the Holy Spirit. Becoming Pope meant that he was likely to be threatened and ultimately he died for his beliefs. He would not give up or renounce his faith and had lived a pure and holy life.



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