

Looking Forward



New Year, Good News



~ In the Year of the Family ~



This week began with the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, known since 2019 as Sunday of the Word of God.

In the reading from St Luke's Gospel, Jesus Himself reads from the scroll of Isaiah in the synagogue of his home town of Nazareth.

He reads the section which proclaims :
"He sent me to give the Good News to the poor ..."

Let us be Christ-like.
Let us be messengers of the Word of God.
Let us give the Good News to those who need it most.

23rd January 2022 :
Sunday of the Word

In the Gospel of Luke,
Jesus says :
"The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me."



† † † † † "IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE." † † † † †

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This week sees the feast day of the amazing St Angela Merici, founder of the Company of St Ursula, dedicated to the education of poor girls. She named her company after the martyr St Ursula of Cologne and her Companions.

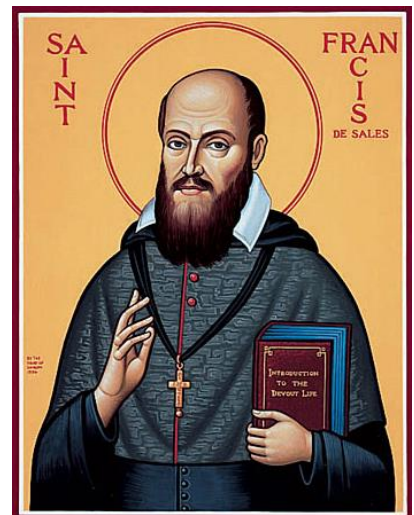
In the Diocese of Brentwood we are blessed to have St Angela's Ursuline School in Forest Gate, the Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School, the Ursuline Academy and the Ursuline Preparatory School in Ilford, and the Ursuline Preparatory School in Warley.



Feast of Saint Francis de Sales : 24th January

Francis de Sales (1567–1622) was a Bishop of Geneva noted for his deep faith and his gentle approach to the religious divisions in his land resulting from the Protestant

Reformation. Whilst a missionary in the Chamblais area, he was a target for persecution and attempted murder, but on account of his patience and gentle manner he is known as The Gentleman Saint. He is also famous for his writings on spiritual formation. He is the patron saint of writers and journalists.



"Jesus reassures us :
"I am always with you"."

(Pope Francis, Youth Sunday 2021)



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