

# Looking Forward



30<sup>th</sup> January 2022 :

The Gospel of Luke recalls:

“All spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.”



## New Year, Good News



~ In the Year of the Family ~



In his homily on Youth Sunday 2021, Pope Francis says that Jesus will bring back the bright sky.

It is sometimes difficult in winter, when the days are dark in the morning and early in the evening to imagine a time when there will be light.

However, Spring will be with us shortly and with it the hope of Easter.

We have to keep in our thoughts that Jesus is the light of the world who brings relief from the dark.

“It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.”

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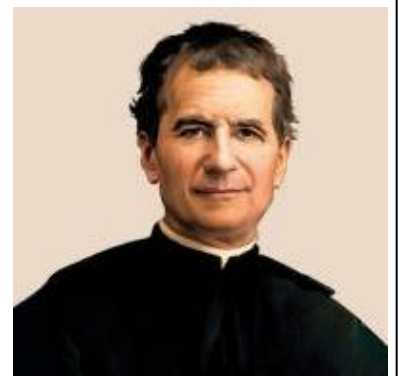
St Anne Line was one of the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales, canonised in 1970. She was born, grew up and married in Essex, becoming a Catholic in the 1580s despite it being illegal. She looked after a house of refuge for Catholic priests who had to hide from the authorities at the time. In 1601 she was executed after allowing a number of Catholics to hear Mass.

There are 2 schools in the diocese named after St Anne Line, both in Basildon, one infants school and one junior school. They celebrate the feast of St Anne Line in the first week of February.



### Feast of St John Bosco : 31<sup>st</sup> January

St John Bosco was born just over 200 years ago in 1815. He dedicated his life to working with the young and in educating them used the principle of love instead of punishment. His work was originally with the poor and disadvantaged in Turin. He pointed out that “It is a



mistake to skirt difficulties or to skip what you don't understand and go on to something else. Tackle the obstacle until you have overcome it”. He founded the Salesian Order of Don Bosco in Italy and helped found a congregation of nuns for poor girls. He also developed a network of organisations to carry on his work which still support young people today.

“Jesus reassures us:

I come to bring back the bright sky.”

- Pope Francis, Youth Sunday Mass 2021



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