

Looking Forward



New Year, Good News



~ In the Year of the Family ~



20th February 2022 :

In the Gospel of Luke,
Jesus says:
“Forgive
and you shall
be forgiven.”



We are looking forward to the hope of Easter and reflecting on the fact that Jesus is the light of the world.

In the Gospel we are reminded to forgive others.

The Lord’s Prayer regularly reminds us of this as we say :

“Forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

When did you need to forgive and be forgiven?

“Brother Sun” : of You, Most High, he bears the likeness.

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St Joachim was the husband of St Anne and the father of Mary, the mother of Jesus. St Joachim and St Anne were blessed with a child late in life, which was viewed at the time as signifying that the child would do great things. He is the patron saint of fathers and grandparents amongst others. St Joachim’s at Custom House is named after him. This is a school where students achieve through God and their mission statement says that they play and pray, love and learn together.



St Peter Damian • Feast Day : 31st January

St Peter Damian lived over 900 years ago.

He was dedicated to the Church, was well known as a teacher, reformer and Papal envoy.

He wanted to ensure that the church was well run and that the monks observed the religious life. His reforms were such that the famous abbey at Monte Cassino took them as an example. He worked as an envoy for the Pope and visited France, various Italian city states and Germany.



When he died his body was buried in the monastery which is now St Maria Vecchia; since then his body has been moved six times.



Never stop seeking the light amid whatever darkness we may bear in our hearts or see all around us.

- Pope Francis, *Youth Sunday Mass 2021*



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