

Looking Forward



Looking Forward to Easter

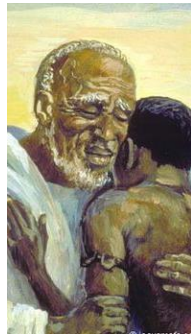


~ In the Year of the Family ~



27th March 2022 :
4th Sunday of Lent

In the Gospel of Luke, the father in the parable tells his child :
“Everything I have is yours.”



Yesterday, Laetare Sunday marked the midpoint of Lent and the rose-colored vestments used at Mass gave us a glimpse at the light of the end of the 40-day tunnel of penance.

Lent is a journey that is marked with the struggle of penance and self-knowledge, but it should not be simply a gloomy trudge. Even as we journey, we are reminded to rejoice in the coming promise of Easter.

Our journey is half complete.
Rejoice: new life is coming!

✠ ✠ “PRAISED BE YOU, MY LORD, THROUGH SISTER MOTHER EARTH.” ✠ ✠

SAINTS AND SCHOOLS # 19

John Payne was ordained a priest in Douai in 1576; he returned to Elizabethan England as a missionary, based at Ingatestone.

He was betrayed, tortured and taken to Chelmsford where he was sentenced to death and executed in 1582.

St John Payne Catholic School in Chelmsford is named after this local saint and martyr.



Feast Day of Blessed Olha Bida : 2nd April

Sister Olympia (“Olha”) Bida was born in 1903 in Ukraine. She joined the Sisters of St Joseph and lived a life of service towards others. She was made superior of her convent and did her best to see to needs of the people in spite of the Communists’ pressure surrounding their work. In 1951, she was arrested with two other sisters,

imprisoned and sentenced to forced labour in Siberia. Sister Olha tried to help imprisoned fellow nuns in the camps but sickened and died. She was beatified in 2001.



“Never stop seeking the night amidst the darkness.”

(Pope Francis, Youth Sunday 2021)



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