

Looking Forward



24th April 2022 :
2nd Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel of John,
Jesus says to his
disciples :
“Peace be with you.”



We are an Easter People



~ In the Year of the Family ~



We are all walking wounded in our own way.

We all bear scars, physical and emotional.

We try to hide our scars.

We flinch from the scars of others.

In Sunday's Gospel reading,
Jesus bares His scars to His friends.

Christ shows Himself once more as one of us.

And Christ shows us, amidst the scars,
new life and new hope.

✠ ✠ ✠ Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to Our Lady. ✠ ✠ ✠

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St Helen was the mother of Constantine the Great. She is credited with locating the True Cross while on pilgrimage to Jerusalem and is depicted in Christian art holding the Cross. She died around 330 A.D. and was buried in Rome.



Our diocese has schools named after of St Helen at Brentwood, Canning Town and Westcliff.

“When you make Jesus your life's dream, and you embrace him with joy and a contagious enthusiasm, this does us all good.”
(Pope Francis, Youth Sunday 2021)

National Solemnity of St George : 26th April

According to legend, Saint George of Lydda was a Christian soldier in the Roman army who was martyred by the emperor Diocletian in the 3rd century for refusing to renounce his faith. He is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, a group of saints whose intercession is believed to be effective in times of illness, and has been venerated as a



military saint since the Crusades. The legend of St George and the Dragon is widely known and very popular in art. St George is patron of England, Ethiopia and Georgia.



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