Looking Forward



4th September 2022 23rd Sunday **Ordinary Time** In Luke's Gospel, Jesus says:

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."



Looking Forward in Hope



As the new school year starts, we are looking forward in hope to what the year will bring. We hope that we will be happy and successful. Throughout the year we need to keep going and tackle the things we find a challenge. The Gospel this week describes how, to be a follower of Jesus, we need to carry our own cross.

I BELIEVE IN THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, THE MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, OF ALL THINGS VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE.

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There are many schools in the Diocese of Brentwood named after Our Lady. The schools at Chingford, Tilbury and Hare Park are all called St Mary's.

"God never abandons you.'





Feast of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary: 8th September



This feast day celebrates the birth of the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus. It is celebrated nine months after the feast of the Immaculate Conception, which means that Mary did not have the stain of original sin on her soul.

There are celebrations in September in different parts of the world. In France this time of year is celebrated as 'Our Lady of the Grape Harvest and in different parts of India there are different customs including holding festive meals and showering flowers on a statue of Mary.



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