

Looking Forward



Looking Forward in Hope



3rd October 2022
27th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
In Luke's Gospel,
the disciples ask Jesus :
“Increase
our faith.”



October is the month of the Rosary.

Pope Benedict XVI said the rosary helps to put Christ at the centre.

To trace the steps of Christ's incarnation, mission and ministry.

May Mary help us to welcome within ourselves the grace which comes from these mysteries, so that through us we can "water" society, beginning with our daily relationships, and purifying them from so many negative forces, thus opening them to the newness of God.

May the Rosary bring us peace and reconciliation.

† † † † “HE CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN.” † † † †

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Our Catholic schools at Braintree, Maldon and Stratford are all named after St Francis.

St Francis set out to imitate Christ and carry out his work. In gentleness and humility. The schools that bear his name continue in this tradition.



St Osyth : 7th October

St Osyth or Osgyth was a local English saint of the 8th century from the Kingdom of Essex. She was from a noble family and became the abbess of a priory near the manor Chich. She probably died about 700 AD, martyred by beheading by some raiding pirates for refusing to renounce her faith.



In the 12th Century a priory of Augustinian Canons was built on the site of St Osyth's monastery and church, and was named after her. The village of Chich also took on her name. It was later dissolved during the Dissolution of the Monasteries by Henry VIII. The buildings were sold to the Darcy family in the 16th century and part of the gatehouse remains visible today.

“Let us maintain a positive outlook on reality.”

(Pope Francis, Youth Day 2013)



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