

# Looking Forward



## Looking Forward in Love



When we reflect in Advent it is often looking at the perspective of Mary, an expectant mother.

She was supported throughout the difficult and at times dangerous journey by Joseph.

At different times both Mary and Joseph heard the words:

*Do not be afraid!*

We too are called to give birth to Jesus in our lives through what we do, say and how we treat others.

We should not be afraid because God is with us through Christ the Lord, Emmanuel.

18<sup>th</sup> December 2022 :

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

The Gospel of Matthew tells us :

“God is with us.”



✠ ✠ ✠ “I look forward to the Resurrection of the dead.” ✠ ✠ ✠

### SAINTS AND SCHOOLS # 44

The name of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph can be seen in a number of schools in the diocese. These include Holy Family Catholic Primary schools in Benfleet and Witham.

The children in these schools are:

**‘United in God’s love,  
through learning and play,  
we nurture hearts and minds  
as we welcome all into our family’  
and**

**‘Living, Loving and  
Learning Together’.**



### St John Kanty : 23rd December

John was from the country. After brilliant studies he became a professor of theology at the university of Kraków, Poland and was ordained a priest. He was then unjustly accused and sent away in disgrace to be a parish priest.



An extremely humble man, he did his best and in the end he won his people’s hearts. After some time he returned to Kraków and taught Scripture for the remainder of his life. John was a serious man, and humble, but known to all the poor of Kraków for his kindness. He kept only the money and clothes absolutely needed to support himself.

“In your dreams, you can say :  
I am free, because I reign with Jesus  
for justice, love and peace.”



(Pope Francis, Youth Sunday 2021)



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