Looking Forward



29th January 2023 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells us :

"Blessed are the peacemakers."



Looking Forward in Faith

Father God, open my eyes, not to see the world more clearly, but to see You. Open my eyes to see you working around me and in me. Nothing happens by accident. You orchestrate every day of my life. Allow me to see your hand in the ordinary and the amazing. Help me to trust in what I cannot see, and believe in Your invisible presence.

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HOLY MARTYRS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Philip was the earl of Arundel and Surrey and, although from a Catholic family, was largely indifferent to religion until his personal conversion, after which he became an enthusiastic Catholic in the midst of Elizabethan England. Arrested by authorities, he was placed in the Tower of London in 1585 and condemned to death in 1589. Although the sentence was never carried out, Philip suffered 10 years' imprisonment in the Tower until he died of dysentery at the age of 38. Beatified in 1929, he was canonized in 1970 by Pope Paul VI.



"Youth is for taking risks, good risks, risks full of hope!"

- Pope Francis, Convocation of Renewal in the Holy Spirit, 2014

Memorial of St Blaise : 3rd February



Blaise was a bishop dedicated to encouraging the spiritual and physical health of his people in Armenia. Although Christianity had been tolerated in the Roman empire had for five years, religious persecution still raged. According to legend, a mother came to him with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Bishop Blaise's command, the child coughed up the bone. In 316 he was beheaded for not sacrificing to the pagan gods.



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