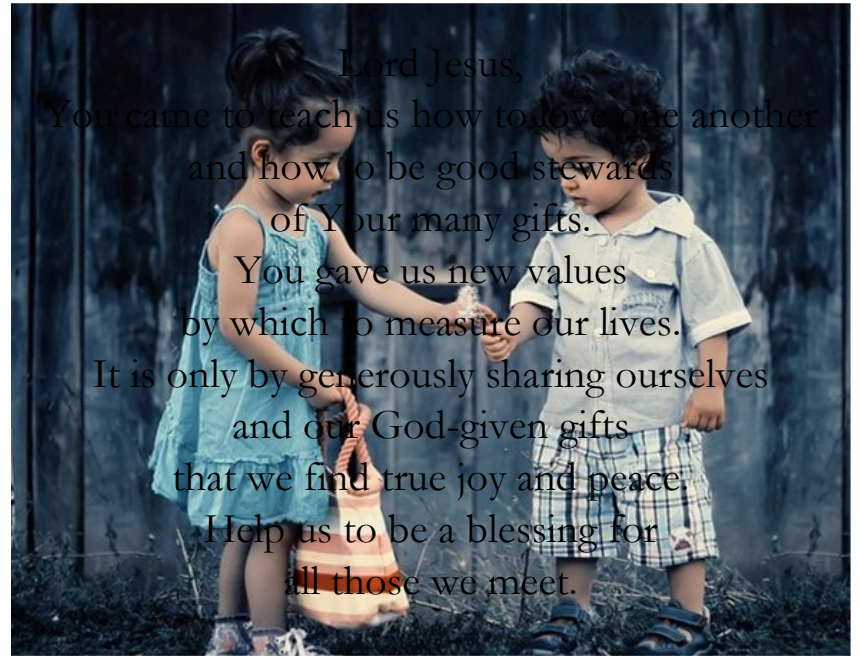


# Looking Forward



## Looking Forward in Charity



**19<sup>th</sup> February 2023**  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
  
In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells us :  
  
"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."



† † † † † "ÁR NATHAIR, ATÁ AR NEAMH." † † † † †

### HOLY MARTYRS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

John was born into a Catholic family in Lancashire and went abroad to Spain and France to train as a priest. He then returned to England to minister to secret Catholics at Holywell and in Cheshire. For 16 years he lived undercover, under the name John Scarisbrick. In 1679 he was arrested during the Popish Plot scare, sentenced to death for being a Catholic priest, and executed at Chester.



### St Peter Damian : 21<sup>st</sup> February



On Feb. 21, Catholics honour Saint Peter Damian, a Benedictine monk who strove to purify the Church during the early years of its second millennium. Speaking about the saint in his general audience on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009, Pope Benedict XVI described him as "one of the most significant figures of the C11th ... a lover of solitude and at the same time a fearless man of the Church, committed personally to the task of reform."

"Don't keep your youth to yourselves : get out there!"



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



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