

# Looking Forward



31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 :  
31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

In the Gospel of Mark,  
Jesus teaches us :  
“Love your neighbour  
as yourself.”



## A Church That Looks Forward



~ In the Year of St Joseph ~  
~ In the Year of the Family ~



After the October half-term holiday,  
families often begin to look forward to Christmas.

It's not quite Advent yet, but let's consider  
what we're ultimately looking forward to celebrating.

The late Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster  
Basil Hume was once asked :

“What does Christmas meant to you?”

The Cardinal replied :

*“The great and awesome God became man for me,  
that's what Christmas means to me.”*

Let us begin to look forward to the celebration with this  
awesome Good News in mind.

✠ “LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE.” ✠

## SAINTS AND SCHOOLS # 1

On 1<sup>st</sup> November each year, the  
**Solemnity of All Saints** celebrates all the  
saints of the Church, known and unknown.

*After this I had a vision of a great multitude,  
which no one could count, from every nation, race,  
people, and tongue. They stood before the throne  
and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and  
holding palm branches in their hands. –  
Revelation, 7-9*

All Saints Catholic School in Dagenham  
was created in 1989 by a merger of Bishop  
Ward and Sacred Heart schools.



“I thank God that many families, which  
are far from considering themselves  
perfect, live in love, fulfil their calling and  
keep moving forward.” (Pope Francis, *Amoris*

*Laetitia*)

## Feast day of Saint Charles Borromeo 4<sup>th</sup> November



Carlo Borromeo (1538  
–1584) was Archbishop  
of Milan and a cardinal  
of the Catholic Church.  
He was responsible for  
important reforms, e.g.  
seminaries for priests'  
education. He was a  
great help to English  
Catholics in Italy who  
had fled persecution at  
home under Elizabeth  
I, and carried on his  
person a picture of the  
English martyr Bishop  
John Fisher.



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