

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday, 2nd January 2022



Did you make any New Year's resolutions? I read that the percentage who keep their resolutions is low. Typical ones include losing weight, saving money, exercising more and getting organised. All are good things, but none of ultimate value.

I suggest an essential New Year's resolution for 2022, "**Remain in Jesus**". Let the Holy Spirit be our guide:

A FRESH START

How often we wish for another chance to make a fresh beginning
A chance to blot out our mistakes and change failure into winning –
And it does not take a special time to make a brand new start,
It only takes the deep desire to try with all our heart
To live a little better and always be forgiving
And to add a little sunshine to the world in which we're living
So never give up in despair and think that you are through
For there's always a tomorrow and a chance to start anew.

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As we begin this New Year 2022, in the shadow of an ever-present and continuing threat from the Covid-19 pandemic, entering once again into another year, let us begin again with a new resolution, one of ultimate value: "**We resolve to make Jesus our Lord. We resolve to follow him throughout the year.**" This is the one resolution that truly matters.

On behalf of the Carmelite Fathers, Martin, John W, Bob, Maurice and John Mc, we wish you all in St Joseph's Parish a very happy, hopeful and prayerful New Year. PLEASE KEEP SAFE! KEEP WELL! Remember all those who are sick in our parish and those who are housebound, please keep them and those who care for them in your prayers.

Thank you for your support and generosity throughout the year. God bless you all.
Happy New Year!

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