## PEACE THOUGHTS

Being a prophet (speaking out) is nothing more than Christianity at its best. It is John the Baptist, 'making straight the way of the Lord.' It is Jesus contending with the Pharisees about the keeping of the Sabbath. It is you and I trying to make a stand against a society where money is flowing to the top while the poor languish for the necessities of life at the bottom of the ladder. We are called to live the Word ourselves so that others may live better lives because of us...Otherwise our faith is little more than a spiritual comfort blanket. We confuse a feel-good following of Jesus with the hard work of tending to the world. After all, God did not finish off creation. God created us to do that... If we abandon the very people, ideals, creation and commitment we are meant to care about, what kind of disciples are we? Certainly not Christ's!

Adapted from, 'The Time Is Now' by Sr. Joan Chittister OSB

### WORTH WATCHING

<u>SUNDAY 8.00pm BBC1: EXTINCTION: THE FACTS</u>
Presented by David Attenborough, this film explores the science of extinction and the impact of bio-diversity loss not only on the natural world, but also on human beings.

MONDAY 7.55pm BBC1: EXPOSING THE ILLEGAL ORGAN TRADE Investigates one of the world's most brutal trades, meeting with African migrants, exploited for their body parts to finance their journey to Europe, only to be ripped off!

MONDAY 10.30pm BBC4: THE SKY AT NIGHT: SPECIAL REPORT The team reveal a fascinating new discovery! Followed at 11.00 pm by SECRETS OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM which reveals the miracle of the Earth's creation.

THURSDAY 7.30pm ITV1: SCAMS: RIPPING OFF THE ELDERLY Reports on how the number of fraudsters targeting victims aged 55 and over has exploded since the start of the Covid-19 crisis.

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# MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart
Tuesday 9.30am St Michael
FUNERAL Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart Maureen Ginnelly
Thursday 7.00pm St Michael
Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart
Sunday 10.30am St Michael

"Those who listen to my words...and eat my body have eternal life" St John

Thanks to our team of <u>Volunteer Stewards</u> for giving us their time, Also thanks to Jessy and Nisha, who came to our help last week.

### GOSPEL THOUGHTS Matt 18:21-35

Sometimes it is possible to forgive and reconcile. There are events that make it hard to heal and make up. We sometimes carry resentment around with us for some time.

10 times

The risen Jesus is always pictured with wounds; he has been hurt. It was hard work for him to forgive those who killed him.

We must be careful of asking God for help in getting even with anyone who has upset us. St. Peter was told he must forgive as often as things go wrong. To struggle to want what is best for the 'other one' is to activate a marvellous love. There will be scars to accompany such hard work.

## REMEMBERED

...during Mass
Maureen Ginnelly, James Busher,
Brenda McCardle, Anthony Reid
and members of our
own families who have gone before us.
All families, slowly venturing out
with their 'face covering' to hand,
you are remembered at every Mass.

### **SYNOD 2020 (2021)**

NEW SCHEDULE June 2021.

What were your joys and anxieties
during lockdown?
Your family experiences,
the way society and the Church
reacted will be valuable material for the SYNOD.
Please send your insights to this website
www.synod2020 or the parish.
Your contributions will be very welcome.

### CHURCH DOORS OPEN

...for private prayer and reflection, with social distancing,
Tuesday mornings in September,
St Michael's,
9.15am 'til 12noon.

# SOCIAL/JUSTICE CONCERNS GROUP MEETING

A socially-distanced meeting of this small group will take place in ST. MICHAEL'S PRESBYTERY AT 5.00 PM ON TUESDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

to make plans for the coming year. Looking forward to seeing you again!

### FOOD AT THE DOOR

Your kindness goes a long way. We are looking for tins with a complete meal in them and a 'pullring'. Thank you!

### CHURCH IS NOW OPEN FOR MASS!

Church is as safe as possible for you to visit. face masks, sanitizing of hands, one-way system, and only every second bench for social distancing.

Come and see for yourself!

# RETURN TO SCHOOL

A great big 'thank you' to the leadership teams in our primary schools and St Francis Academy. Their 'holiday' was invaded by the necessary changes that had to be anticipated to keep the children and staff safe. As a parish we have been in touch with the schools

thanking staff for all their extra hard work in preparing the building and the timetable. We are very proud of our schools and all that they do.

## STREAMING OF MASSES

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk
This also includes activities for youngsters.

### FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES

The Archbishop has recorded a video specially for you as you wait to celebrate the sacrament.

You'll find these under,

'Prayer and Other Resources'

and then 'Family Life'.

at www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk
The parish catechists who prepare the children for
First Communion plan to meet to work out next steps.
Watch this space for further developments.

### **FINANCES**

You are fantastic! We are receiving about 45% of the usual collection. Just like the shops we went through weeks with no collection. Then, a fraction of the congregation started returning to church. You are so generous. The bills are now getting paid! If you are getting into difficulties at home please do phone 0300 330 1196, Citizens' Advice.