

PEACE THOUGHTS

With the support of the of the UK, America detonated two nuclear bombs over the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on 6th & 9th August, 1945, killing hundreds of thousands, most of whom were civilians; with the effects still being felt today. Pope Francis, a vocal opponent of nuclear weapons, condemned the '*unspeakable horror*' of nuclear weapons when he visited Nagasaki in 2019, a place which he said, '*makes us deeply aware of the pain and horror that we human beings are capable of inflicting upon one another ... In a world where millions of children and families live in inhumane conditions, the money that is squandered and the fortunes made through the manufacture, upgrading, maintenance and sale of ever more destructive weapons, are an affront crying out to heaven ... Now is the time to affirm, not only the immorality of the use of such weapons, but the immorality of their possession.*' He urged: '*We need to ponder the catastrophic impact of their deployment, especially from a humanitarian and environmental standpoint, and reject heightening a climate of fear, mistrust and hostility fomented by nuclear doctrines. We must work for a world free of nuclear weapons.*'

May we believe in peace, share peace, and pray, with Pope Francis, for it to become a reality in our troubled world.

WORTH WATCHING!

MONDAY 9.00 pm C4:

RACE AGAINST THE VIRUS: THE HUNT FOR A VACCINE

Sobering film showing the growth of Covid-19; outrage at the handling of the pandemic and hopes for a vaccine, as leading scientists share their expertise.

TUESDAY 9.00 pm BBC2: CUBA: CASTRO VS. THE WORLD

Gripping insight into the history of Cuba and its role in the world of politics.

TUESDAY 10.00 pm C4 : THE TALK

Priceless insight into the lives of black Britons and how they prepare their children to face the prejudice and racism they will face as they grow up.

WEDNESDAY 9.00pm C4: LOSE A STONE IN 21 DAYS!

Helps us get our health back on track after lockdown.

WEDNESDAY 10.00pm BBC4: HIROSHIMA

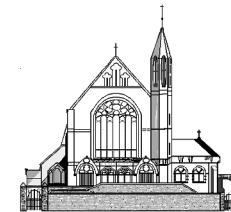
On the 75th anniversary of the nuclear attacks on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, this drama documentary charts the political and social impact of the attacks.

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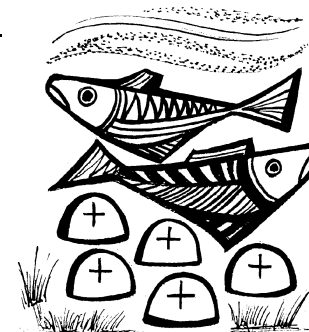
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GOSPEL THOUGHTS Matt. 14; 13-21

There are times when our routine and priorities are abandoned. A friend is upset, a child is ill or there is news of a death, all that was to be done is forgotten. We need time to adjust and reassemble our resources for the surprise that has interrupted our plans.

Jesus gets news of his cousin's death and leaves the crowd for some quiet time. It is typical of the Christ and of Christians that other people's needs are to be addressed even when we are caught up in our own priorities.

His followers go for the easier option, "send the people away". God, present in weary humanity, answers the people's hunger.



Thanks to our team of Volunteer Stewards for giving us their time.

MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart

Thursday (funeral in Yorkshire)

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael

" It is not the same, but it is safe."

A Parishioner

REMEMBERED

...during Mass with a congregation:
Brenda McNamara, Kunburima,
David Young, Andrea Grant, Mary Coughlin
Marcella Dickason 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.

RECEPTION

A young man who was to be received into the
Catholic Church at Easter time has been
given permission by the Archbishop
to be received at St Michael's Church.
Kokou Kpeglo will be presented to the parish at
Mass this Sunday, and next Sunday, 9th August,
he will be received and then take Holy Communion
for the first time.
'Thank you Kokou for your faith among us'.

Hiroshima & Nagasaki 75th Anniversary Thursday, 6th August

Procession from LCVS, 151, Dale Street, 10.15 am,
proceeding via William Brown Street,
to St. John's Gardens.

Speeches, poems, testimonies, music, wreath laying,
and a minute's silence in memory of the victims.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



CHURCH IS NOW OPEN!

Church is as safe as possible for you to visit.
Please ensure that you put on a face mask as you arrive
at church and sanitize your hands. We have a one-way
system and only every second bench will be used
to ensure that social distancing takes place.
You will be guided to Communion at the end of Mass and
will need to follow the one-way system out of church.

Social distancing will mean only
about 30 people at any Mass! If you can
go to Mass during the week, it will take
the pressure off Sunday Mass.

All arrangements are to keep you safe.

STREAMING OF MASSES

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

CHURCH DOORS OPEN

...for private prayer and reflection,
under strict rules, Tuesday mornings,
St Michael's,
9.15am 'til 12noon.
Social distancing.