

PEACE THOUGHTS

POPE FRANCIS HAS THROWN DOWN THE GAUNTLET!

In an unflinching message he is calling for a new world order with human dignity at its centre.

In his latest letter to the world, **FRATELLI TUTTI**, he tells us that politics is failing the poorest with many political decisions plunging them even further into poverty, suffering and despair.

He warns against a rampant culture of individualism, nationalism, economic models that line the pockets of the rich and our silence on poverty, war, and systems that dehumanise individuals.

Pope Francis' vision of the future is one rooted in human solidarity:

'Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community.

It means that the lives of all are more important than the appropriation of goods by a few.

It also means combatting the structural causes of poverty, inequality, the lack of work, land and housing, the denial of social and labour rights.

It means confronting the destructive effects of the empire of money...'

Pope Francis holds up a vision for real and lasting change, by calling on us all to build community at every level - personal, societal and global, where walls of fear and distrust are replaced by a **'culture of encounter'**, and our solidarity with others restores human dignity.

Find out how you can support Pope Francis' call to action at www.cafod.org.uk/fratellitutti

WORTH WATCHING

TUESDAY 10.00 pm C4: ARE WOMEN THE FITTER SEX?

Investigates the gender imbalance in medical care, uncovering a dangerous gender data gap that undermines how women are treated in the healthcare system, leading to misdiagnoses and deaths.

THURSDAY 7.30 pm ITV1: THE VACCINE: WHEN WILL I GET IT?

Asks when the vaccine will be available to the majority of the population.

FRIDAY 8.05 pm PBS AMERICA: OLYMPIC PRIDE, AMERICAN PREJUDICE

The story of 18 African-American competitors who fought racism and prejudice during the 1936 Berlin Olympics and whose resilience, determination and perseverance played a significant role in history.

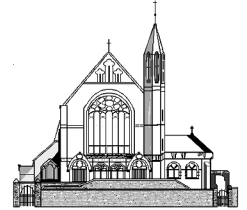
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Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



9th/10th Jan The Baptism of the Lord Yr B P.122

MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

Wed 12noon Sacred Heart

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS Mark 1:7-11

What is life for? What are we here for? When we cannot do so many things, what is the point? Corona virus denies us so much and forces us into isolation.

Christmas and the Epiphany tell us what we are here for. When the child became a man, he discovered, at his Baptism what he was here for. Just like John the Baptist, he was here to serve others and particularly to begin his mission. Jesus then sets off to serve all the people he meets. God the Father and the Holy Spirit seem to recruit Jesus and send him off to recruit the disciples.

Like John the Baptist, Jesus becomes aware of his Father's plan. He gathers others and calls them to know what they are for. The disciples and all baptised people are recruited to be clear about our purpose in life. We are to gather (after distancing is over) and to serve each other.

We will be reading Mark's gospel throughout 2021. Together we will learn afresh how Jesus gathered and served. As baptised and gathered people we can become newly aware of God and the Holy Spirit becoming more clear about our purpose in life and rediscovering the joy and peace of mind of serving others.



REMEMBERED

...during Mass
Mary Graham, James Doyle, Pauline McCarthy,
Thomas Lunt, Michael Youell, Irene Henshaw
and members of our own families
who have gone before us.

SYNOD 2020 (2021)

The parish SYNOD team met to look at your
ideas and preferred proposals.
After discernment your submissions have gone forward to
the full SYNOD meeting in 2021.
**Pray for those with the task now of preparing for the
next stage of the SYNOD process.**
synod2020.co.uk

LET US PRAY

*Come Holy Spirit,
fill our hearts with wisdom, love and courage.
Guide us in prayer and action
as we journey towards Synod 2021
to become the Church you are calling us to be.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.*

**Be careful for those you love
and meet.
STAY CAUTIOUS**

FUNERAL

Please pray for and think about our bereaved families who are
coping with government restrictions at this time,
as our parish keeps company with them.
Pauline McCarthy 13th Jan. 3.00pm Wed. St. Michael's

Following the Prime Minister's statement

The guidance for places of Worship
You can leave home to attend/visit a place of worship.
If you do, you should follow the protocol of
Hands, Face and Space. There must be no clustering.
This is possible because of the service of our stewards who
welcome, guide and then clean the church after you have left.
The government has heard of the safe, one-way system in our
churches and know you are not likely to catch anything or
infect others if you visit church and strictly keep to one way.
We will keep the Christmas decorations and Crib for one more
week. The children bored at home
might enjoy a visit (only escorted by an adult).

MASS TIMES when you can still visit the Crib

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

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Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart

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Choose your day carefully and avoid a crowd!

STREAMING OF MASSES

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

This also includes activities for youngsters.

J&P COMMISSION ANNUAL MEMORIAL LECTURE SUNDAY JANUARY 17TH AT 2PM (ON ZOOM)

This year's lecture titled: 'To Prepare a Future Full of Hope
Amid Chaos and Uncertainty' will be given by Mary Colwell, who
is an award-winning writer and producer specialising in natural
history, environment, religion and human stories
and is a Feature Writer for the Tablet.

To register a place, please use the link:

[http://jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/2021/01/05/memorial-lecture-
registration-17-january-2021/](http://jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/2021/01/05/memorial-lecture-registration-17-january-2021/)