

PEACE THOUGHTS

'What is this thing that has happened to us? It's a virus, yes.
In and of itself, it holds no moral brief.

But it is definitely more than a virus.

Some believe it is God's way of bringing us to our senses.

Others that it is a Chinese conspiracy to take over the world!

Whatever it is, coronavirus has made the mighty kneel and brought the world to a halt like nothing else could. Our minds are still racing back and forth, longing for a return to "normality," trying to stitch our future to our past and refusing to acknowledge the rupture.

But the rupture exists. And in the midst of this terrible despair, it offers us a chance to rethink the doomsday machine we have built for ourselves. Nothing could be worse than a return to normality. Historically, pandemics have forced humans to break with the past and imagine their world anew. This one is no different.

It is a portal, a gateway between one world and the next.

We can choose to walk through it, dragging the carcasses of our prejudice and hatred, our avarice, our data banks and dead ideas, our dead rivers and smoky skies behind us,

or we can walk through lightly, with little luggage,
ready to imagine another world..... and ready to fight for it.'

Arundhati Roy precisely puts into words what so many of us feel.

May our interaction with our planet be positive and sustainable!

MAY WE BE THE CHANGE WE WANT TO HAPPEN!

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

SUNDAY 10.45pm BBC2: EDIE

Empowering, 'seize the day' drama about an elderly woman who attempts to climb a Scottish mountain.

MONDAY 11.30pm BBC2: AUNG SAN SUU KYI: FALL OF AN ICON

The Myanmar leader's fall from grace (prior to the recent coup) after allegations of inaction over atrocities against Rohingya Muslims

THURSDAY 7.30pm ITV1: CARS:

THE END OF PETROL AND DIESEL?

What will the ban on new petrol and diesel cars mean for UK drivers?

THURSDAY 10.00pm C5:

ESTHER RANTZEN: LIVING WITH GRIEF

Documentary exploring the experience of bereavement and grief.

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THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART

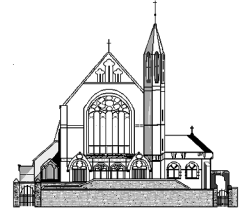
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Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



13th/14th February '21 6th Sunday Yr. B P.137

MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

Ash Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS Mark 1;40-45

Whenever someone speaks to two friends who have decided to stay apart, both friends think they have decided for the other! To solve a problem by division is only to put off the trouble until another time. Reconciliation is the only peaceful solution. It is when we are afraid that we avoid, and even think badly of the other.

Pope Francis has asked us to bring hope to immigrants in order to bring peace to the world. We are to reach out to the foreigner.

To follow the Pope's advice will seem to some people that we have decided for the migrant and against those afraid of the stranger.

Jesus tried to solve the isolation of a leper and got into trouble. He had to stay outside, in places where no one lived. The work of reconciliation is not easy but unavoidable.



REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Peter Atkinson, Sheila Fuller, Kathleen McIwaine,
Jose Mathew, Pat Ryan, Ann Hughes
and members of our own families
who have gone before us.

SYNOD 2020-2021-2022

PROGRESS IS HAPPENING.

Go on line; synod2020.co.uk

In January your thoughts and preferences have gone to a central Working Party. Those suggestions that are not in the power of the Archbishop to grant are collected and kept in the records. The ideas that can be sorted and planned for by our diocese and our Bishop, have been gathered and will be sent, in February, back to parishes so you can see and perhaps recognise how you influenced the future life of the diocese. After you have seen these proposals, the final decisions will be published in March. That is when we are ready for the SYNOD in June.

A Pastoral Plan Group will turn your contributions into a plan for the future development of the church in our district.

The growth of the local church will be influenced by the priorities and values of local families. The Plan will be given to us on the

1st Sunday of Advent 28th November

(the Church's new year)

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 in 2022.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

IRISH CENTRE

The Irish Centre is not open for drinks and most activities.

The Centre IS OPEN as a shop.

You can buy Irish products 7 days a week.

Check opening times

Ring 263 1808 or on line, liverpoolirishcentre.org.uk

You need to wear a face covering and practise distancing.

They need your custom, do drop in.

LOCK DOWN GUIDANCE

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'.

STREAMING OF MASSES

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

This also includes activities for youngsters.

LENT

Ash Wednesday this year is 17th February.

We have a booklet available to accompany you through Lent.

A thought for everyday during this special time.

Look out for this companion, £1.

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

KNIT FOR NEPAL AND SYRIA

Despite Covid we have managed to send out 40+ blankets to families less fortunate than us and that are in desperate need of warmth this winter. We have more to send but obviously are prevented from doing so with the pandemic. Please continue to knit/crochet squares, they will all be used. And are still being sewn together ready to send.

A huge **Thank you** to those who have been faithfully knitting over the years. If you have any squares or unwanted wool please leave them at the back of church. Thank you.