

**PEACE THOUGHTS**  
**THE GOOD NEWS WE DIDN'T HEAR!!**

Apart from the vaccines, there's not a lot of good news around lately, but here's some really uplifting news, hardly reported in mainstream media - that nuclear weapons became, for the first time on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, illegal under International Law, as chemical and biological weapons already are! Of course, there will still be thousands of such weapons on hair-trigger alert, risking, by accident or intent, the incineration of millions, and a nuclear winter for the whole planet, but this is a first step to their global elimination and certainly something to build on as we strive to make our world a safer place.

In countries that have signed up to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, it is now illegal to use, develop, test or stockpile nuclear weapons, and to threaten to use or allow them to be installed or deployed on their territory.

The treaty is a powerful reminder that, despite current global tensions, **WE CAN** overcome even our biggest, most entrenched challenges. This hasn't been without sacrifice, for the Hibakusha (the people affected by the 1945 atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki) and nuclear weapons' test victims and survivors, have sacrificed so much to get us here.

As we celebrate the treaty coming into force and congratulate the 51 countries that have already ratified it, let's call on our own leaders to act with courage and stand on the right side of history. A world without nuclear weapons is vital for the future of humankind and the planet!

Find out more/get involved at: [www.redcross.org.au/nukestreaty](http://www.redcross.org.au/nukestreaty)

**TV WITH A CONSCIENCE**

**SUNDAY 8.00 pm BBC1: A PERFECT PLANET**

Explains how our beautiful planet is having its vital systems destabilised by human activity and how we hold the solutions to the problem.

**SUNDAY 9.45 pm BBC2: ROD GILBERT: STAND UP TO INFERTILITY**

Sets out to learn why the issue of male infertility is rarely discussed.

**MONDAY 10.00 pm BBC4: CRAFTIVISM: MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Explores the effectiveness of this quiet form of protest and how its friendly way helps raise awareness about important issues.

**TUESDAY 9.00 pm BBC4: LIFE OF A MOUNTAIN: SCAPELL PIKE**

A year in the life of the peak, revealing its beauty through the seasons.

**THURSDAY 7.30 pm ITV1: COVID TESTING: WHAT'S THE TRUTH?**

How accurate is mass testing and is the government's policy succeeding?

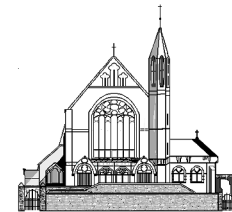
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**THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL  
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**30th/31st January '21 4th Sunday Yr. B P.133**

**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 1:21-28**

When someone who loves us challenges us, and we know their love is bigger than our faults, it feels like a comfortable nudge. We might be willing to work on those faults and develop our character instead of fighting our corner.

Mark in this year's gospel has Jesus keeping on the move and teaching and healing where ever he goes. Jesus had arrived to love the unloved, forgive the unforgiven and to gather those left out. The crowds felt he had an authenticity because everyone felt better when he was around; they followed him to each place he went.

His words and actions backed each other up. He did what he taught. This was a new genuineness that made things different and comfortable. Jesus' plan and purpose was to assist every one he met to feel healthy and loveable. They listened to him because they felt the truth about their own worth. He was a good example; this was a new authority.



## REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Joseph McCardle, Nellie Neary, Conrad Kasek  
Tom Cullinan, Dave Wike, Jane Murray  
and members of our own families  
who have gone before us.

SYNOD 2020-2021-2022  
PROGRESS IS HAPPENING.  
Go on line; [synod2020.co.uk](http://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 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.*

## 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.

Conrad Kasek, Tuesday 2nd Feb, 12noon, St. Michael's.

## 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](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

This also includes activities for youngsters.

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

## MENTAL HEALTH AND PRAYER

Church is open for Mass and Communion.

Visiting church is good for our spiritual and emotional wellbeing as well as our mental health. Come and see for yourself how safe we have made it for you.

Please bring your face covering with you.

Come and sit in the warmth of God's love for you.

## CITIZEN ADVICE HELPLINE

These days, hard working families can find finances difficult.

There is advice available in case there is support you have not yet called upon. Free, impartial and confidential advice if you are in debt. But also to maximize your income *before* you get into debt.

**Call a free advice helpline**

**8am - 8pm Monday to Thursday**

**8am - 4pm Friday**

**0300 330 1196 [debthelp@caliverpoolgmmap.org.uk](mailto:debthelp@caliverpoolgmmap.org.uk)**