

## PEACE THOUGHTS

'MARY, OUR MOTHER' is one of Mary's most common titles. We cling to it all our lives. Why? Because 'mothering,' the sense of being cared for and protected, supported and understood, is the Human being's primal need. Mother's Day is the call to all of us to remember those—both women and men—who have 'mothered' us in life and then to be conscious of our call to mother those around us, as well.

In Mary grew the vision that made her open to the Incarnation;  
in Mary grew the image of the strong and independent woman;  
in Mary grew the Christ who changed the lives of all of us.  
Mary is not a plaster statue. Mary is the woman whose commitment and courage saved the world from self-centeredness.

It is amazing that the church's attitude toward Mary has not marked the Church's attitude toward women in general. Perhaps the reason is that we could not see beyond what culture told us that women were ... Whatever the reason, we all have a lot of growing to do if the woman, Mary, is ever to be seen as God saw women and saw her.

From 'A Monastery Almanac' by Sr. Joan Chittister OSB

## TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

### SUNDAY 9.00 pm BBC4: TWIN SISTERS: A WORLD APART

The story of twin sisters from China, found as babies in a cardboard box in 2003 and adopted by two sets of parents - one from California, the other from a remote village in Norway.

### SUNDAY 9.00 pm SMITHSONIAN: SACRED SITES

Explores the role of women in the ancient world, from mother goddesses and fertility deities, to matriarchies.

### MONDAY 8.00 pm C4: THE TRUTH ABOUT LONG COVID

With up to half a million people in the UK reported to be living with Long Covid this report asks if the NHS will be able to cope with this legacy of the virus.

### THURSDAY 7.30 pm ITV1:

#### SPEND OR SAVE? MAKING YOUR MONEY WORK

Should we be saving more (if we can) or spending more?

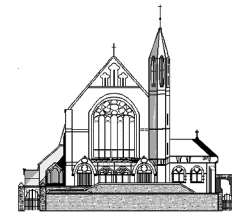
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## THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART

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Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



13th/14th March '21 4th Sunday of Lent Yr. B P.164

### MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart  
Tuesday 9.30am St Michael's  
Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart  
Thursday 7.00pm St Michael's  
Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart  
Sunday 10.30am St Michael's

### GOSPEL THOUGHTS

John 3:14-21

If you cannot swim you must not jump into the canal to save someone. We must learn to swim. If we want to help, love or work with other people we must tackle our own skills and abilities, otherwise we will double the trouble instead of healing the mess.

Jesus tries to explain to Nicodemus that we must change and live for others, surrender, perhaps die to self for others. It is counter-cultural when we naturally want to preserve self. Jesus is gathering courage to love his enemies who would kill him.

Jesus is not mad but knows that God loves everyone. Those who resist being this 'love for everyone' have to live with the violent consequences: darkness. Those who surrender to be God's love for everyone have to love the violent ones, perhaps die forgiving those enemies - this is one aspect of light.

On our Lenten journey we will profit from knowing God's love for us as we struggle to be God's love for others.



## REMEMBERED

...during Mass  
Robert Savage, Lindsay Sumner, June Allen,  
Irene Towers, Paul Lesbirel, John Finley  
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)

*Your parish representatives have attended a Diocesan meeting!  
Five hours(!) to consider the recommendations that have arisen  
from consulting you. You will get to see them.  
So all the recommendations from all the parishes in the Diocese  
have been distilled into propositions  
for the SYNOD in June.*

A Pastoral Plan Group will turn the results of the SYNOD into a plan for  
the future development of the church in our district/archdiocese.  
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.*

## 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,  
Paul Lesbirel and his family.

## SCHOOLS, CONGRATULATIONS and THANKS

Our children have returned and the buildings are filled with noise,  
bubbles, staggered movement and countless hand washing!

## MOTHERS' DAY

Thanks to all mothers (and dads) and families in our parish and  
neighbourhood. It is all the joys and sorrows of home that is  
God's chosen place to pour out love, forgiveness, and a safe place  
to grow up. To be full of mistakes and still be loved is the very  
presence of God. God is in our homes.  
THANKS for being there for each other.

## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

### 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!**

### LENT, CAFOD & WORKS of MERCY

Prayer, Fasting and Works of Mercy  
**LOOK OUT FOR Abdella on LIVERPOOL BUSES !**

Have you spotted him?  
It is time to return your envelopes.

THANK YOU.

Walk for Water Lent film at  
[cafod.org.uk/secondary/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/secondary/lent)