### PEACE THOUGHTS

God, we confess that we often close our ears to the cries of the poor; that we pay more attention to the 'life-in-its-fullness' promises of advertisers and to announcements of the rich and famous; that we seek to be entertained and comforted and not disturbed or challenged; that we would rather retreat into fantasy worlds rather than engage with reality and this earth's suffering people. We confess that we take our freedom of expression for granted and loudly voice strong views and opinions about matters that are unimportant; whilst at other times, we are afraid to speak out when it might single us out, bring trouble or cause offence. Meantime, our sisters and brothers across the world are silenced with bullets, or are shut away in dark prisons for voicing opposition and calling for change - for demanding that their basic human rights be respected. God, open our ears to the cries of your people; open our hearts to our neighbours, that we might love them as Jesus Christ taught us. God, help us to hear your voice through the babble of this busy world where words are used to confuse, distract, manipulate, sell illusion, and buy power; help us to be still and receptive to your healing, encouraging and inspiring, life-giving Word. Prayer from Iona Abbey

## TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

#### MONDAY 9.00pm CHANNEL 5: MRS THATCHER VS. THE MINERS

The story of the miners' strike, led by Arthur Scargill, in reaction to the government's attempt to close collieries in the 1980s.

# MONDAY 10.00pm C4: THE TRUTH ABOUT POLICE STOP & SEARCH

Puts the police policy of stop and search under the microscope.

#### THURSDAY 9.00pm BBC1: JOEY ESSEX: GRIEF AND ME

Every year, some 41,000 young people lose a parent. Joey opens up about his mother's suicide when he was just ten and seeks help to cope with his resulting anxiety in the hope that it will encourage others to do the same.

## FRIDAY 7.30pm C4: UNREPORTED WORLD

With more homelessness in New York City than at any time since the Great Depression, this film explores how the poorest are being failed by the system.

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#### THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART Fr. James Nugent Pastoral Area

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29th May/ 30th May '21 Trinity Sunday Yr. B

<u>MASS TIMES</u>

Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart

Thursday 12noon S.F.X. (Fr Denis' Fast)

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart Sunday 10.30am St Michael's

## GOSPEL THOUGHTS Matt 28: 16-20

A grandmother is not only a nan, but a mum, sister, auntie and even a nurse. The father of the house is a dad, as well as a husband, who works hard as a local councillor. We are many persons according to all the various responsibilities we have.

Almighty God is the creator, revealed as our brother as well as our breath and inspiration; 'Father, Son and Holy Spirit'.



The 'Trinity' makes it clear that God is close, within us and active. "I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."

We are to practise prayer; being still in the reality of God's presence. We are invited to relax into God who is active, ever near and always recreating us.

We are called to GO OUT, 'to all the nations' and be active, always close and concerned and renewing all that needs change. 'In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.'

#### REMEMBERED

...during Mass Alex Anderson, Veronica Allen, Eileen Burke, Tim Rosser, Peter Simpson, Terry Blaney and members of our own families who have gone before us.

#### SYNOD 2020-2021-2022 PROGRESS IS HAPPENING! Go on line: synod2020.co.uk

Things are coming to a climax. A deanery meeting of North Liverpool parishes and their Synod members met last week. We are keeping company, just before the voting at the Synod over the weekend 19th/20th June. Plans for the future work of the Archdiocese will emerge and be published in time for Advent, the Church's new year. <u>After the SYNOD</u>, with the voting done,

a <u>Pastoral Plan</u> 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. <u>The Plan</u> will be given to us on the <u>1st Sunday of Advent, 28th November</u> (the Church's new year)

## 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 in 2022. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## PROTEST FAST

Fr Denis, of SFX, will fast for 24hrs in response to Govt. cuts to overseas aid, starting with Mass, 12noon on Thursday 3rd of June. You are welcome to support him at Mass and on his 'Just Giving' page. Do let your local M.P. know this is happening.

## Remain careful for those you love and meet. STAY CAUTIOUS!

## LOCK DOWN GUIDANCE

## DANGER \* DANGER \* DANGER PLEASE CONSIDER WEEKDAY MASS INSTEAD OF SUNDAY.

Some parishioners cannot come in on Sunday after 50-60 have arrived before them. The Archbishop wants you to know that your obligation, in this 'Lock Down' period, can be fulfilled <u>during the week.</u> YES! You can attend mass Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Saturday and take the pressure off Sunday morning. Let us all work to avoid another Lock Down.

#### 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 <u>Hands, Face and Space</u>. There must be <u>no clustering</u>. Opening 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'.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Please pray for all the Year 5 (last year's Y4) children who are currently making their First Holy Communion. Due to Covid, these children have waited a year to receive the sacrament.

At the moment the current year 4 children are signing up to join an abridged programme. They will make their Communion later in the year.

Please keep all these families in your prayers.