

## PEACE THOUGHTS

Anthony de Mello tells a story about apathy:

A young man eagerly described what he dreamed of doing for the poor. His teacher asked, 'When do you propose to make your dream come true?'

The young man answered, 'As soon as the opportunity arrives.'  
'Opportunity never arrives,' said the teacher. 'It's here already!  
Cry out, and turn now into a moment of opportunity for many!'

Our problem is not that we can't correct the errors of society.

Our problem is that we let them happen in the first place -  
like grinding poverty, climate change, sexism and social exclusion.  
Until each of us takes serious steps each day to combat these social  
diseases, we shall each remain responsible for their growth.'

'Don't be afraid to get involved.

Being uninvolved when involvement is clearly needed  
is a far greater error than is trying and failing.'

## TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

SUNDAY 10.30pm BBC4:

COSMIC DAWN: THE REAL MOMENT OF CREATION

Astronomers offer a scientific version of the biblical story of Genesis.

WEDNESDAY 7.30pm C4: SEX, MYTHS AND THE MENOPAUSE

Straightforward and informative documentary exploring a subject that is shrouded by ignorance, embarrassment and shame. It examines the fear around HRT, tackles mid-life taboos that can destroy women's jobs and relationships and exposes the lack of specialist education for GPs

WEDNESDAY 9.00pm ITV1:

HAS GEORGE FLOYD CHANGED BRITAIN?

Examines the impact of the Black Lives Matter movement and asks how deeply racial prejudice is embedded in British society.

FRIDAY 7.30pm C4: UNREPORTED WORLD: DYING FOR DEMOCRACY

Follows a film-maker on the frontline in Myanmar, as protestors risk everything to defy the military junta coup

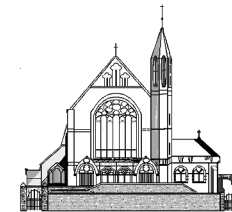
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## THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART

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8th /9th May '21 6th Sunday of Easter Yr. B

### MASS TIMES

**Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart**

**Tuesday 9.30am St Michael's**

**Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart**

**Ascension Thursday 7.00pm SFX,  
off Shaw St. L3 8DR**

**Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart**

**Sunday 10.30am St Michael's**

### GOSPEL THOUGHTS Jn15: 9-17

There are those people who would do anything for you. They give us a quality of life that brings confidence and joy. Their key to that special gift is selflessness. Their own agenda gives way to your need. 'Self' seems to slip away to embrace your plans.

This is the very nature of God. Selflessness is another word for 'lay down your life'. In describing God's love, Jesus not only says 'lay down your life', he acts and does lay down his life for us, his friends. 'Remain in my love' is a curious thing to say.

Maybe it means create an atmosphere, an ambience of affection that would influence and expect love to influence all we think and do.

Jesus says that this is the way to Joy. God's own happiness is available. Your Joy could be complete. **HAPPY EASTER!**



## REMEMBERED

...during Mass  
Eileen Burke, Patricia Mahon, Ann Barrett,  
Alan Byatt, John Freeman, Lisa Moran  
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)

This weekend is the second weekend of taking a closer look at the recommendations of the Synod. Last weekend we looked at six recommendations this week we are looking at five.

Synod members will be sharing all 19 recommendations over three weeks. The recommendations are a result of the journey we have been on over the past two years. From sharing the themes at weekend mass and inviting your feedback we have now arrived at the 'recommendations'.

We invite you once again to prioritise those recommendations you feel are most important- we look forward to your feedback in the coming weeks. (please return the leaflets) It will be the task of your Synod members to vote in June on these recommendations. The recommendations are also summarised in the Catholic Pictorial and on the website [www.synod2020.org.uk](http://www.synod2020.org.uk). Speak to one of your members if you have any queries (Jan, John, Samwin & Fr Fitz).

### After the SYNOD, the voting done

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)

### 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.*

**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 during the week. 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

Hands, Face and Space. There must be no clustering.

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.