

## ADVENT PEACE THOUGHTS

Come Lord!

Do not smile and say you are already with us,  
millions do not know you,  
and to us who do, what is the difference?

What is the point of your presence if our lives do not alter?

Change our lives, shatter our complacency.

Make your word flesh of our flesh, blood of our blood  
and our life's purpose.

Take away the quietness of a clear conscience.

Press us uncomfortably.

For only thus, that other peace is made, your peace.

**MARANATHA! COME, LORD JESUS, COME!**

Dom Helder Camara

## TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

### MONDAY 9.00pm BBC2: SOCIAL MEDIA, ANGER & US

Explores the impact social media is having on our behaviour both online and in the physical world.

### MONDAY 9.00pm BBC4: CHRISTMAS CAROL ODYSSEY

Follows the story of the carol, from strict Protestant Britain where it needed to survive outside the church, to the story behind one of the most famous carols, Silent Night, and the part it played in the Christmas Truce during World War I.

### THURSDAY 9.00pm BBC4: THE COLOR PURPLE

Moving drama set in Georgia, 1909, about Celie, a teenage mother, parted from her children, who is married off to a brutal widower. A life of servitude and maltreatment begins, but Celie's spirit remains indomitable.

### FRIDAY 7.30pm C4: THE TRUTH

#### ABOUT DISABILITY BENEFITS

A report reveals how failings by the Department for Work & Pensions may have contributed to the deaths, including suicides, of a number of disabled benefits claimants. It looks at the impact on the mental health of claimants and meets those who have lost loved ones because of the way the system is run.

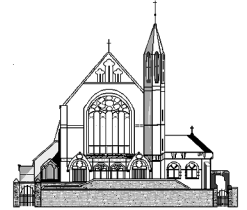
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## **THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART**

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Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



11th/12th December '21 3rd Sunday of Advent Yr. C

### MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael's

### GOSPEL THOUGHTS Luke 3:10-18

'You said you would, but I cannot see the evidence.' Mum shares her disappointment. She needs more than a promise; she needs action, evidence if we are to please her, and become the person she wants us to be.

'What shall we do?' declares John's enthusiastic converts. He doesn't say, 'know that God is on the way.' He says, 'Share what you've got; if in authority, don't look after yourself first, but use all your strengths to look after those around you.'

John the Baptist calls us to action not only to aspirations. We are trusted and invited to be the evidence that God is here amongst us. We are not only to wish to be good, but TO BE something of God for each other.



## REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Christopher Allt, Joseph Fitzgibbon,  
Augustin Hubert, Geraldine Poole, Michael Youell  
and members of our own families  
who have gone before us.

## SYNOD 2020-2021-2022

Update: The Pastoral Plan HAS ARRIVED!

The FREE Catholic PIC gives us an overview of the  
PASTORAL PLAN Pages 4-6.

The SYNOD postcard might engage us if we choose a word off the front and tell each other why you chose that idea. Can you make your choice into an action? Then, turn the card over to find the 6 action areas for the future of the Archdiocese.

With the Pic and the postcard, would you spend a minute thinking which of the action plans you would like to be part of? These suggestions might have us all on the launching pad ready to go.

The Archbishop calls our attention to four SIGNPOSTS

1. To be immersed in the joys, hopes and anxieties of those we meet.
2. To take responsibility for the quality of life of the parish.
3. To be confident in our faith and personality.
4. To embed a profound and loving listening in all our decisions.

These are things we can work at straight away.

This way, we can be  
something of Jesus' love for all we meet.

The first Diocesan decisions are meant to start immediately!

There are to be lots of opportunities for formation as we are all called to 'leadership'. The structures and relationships in the Archdiocese are all to be realigned so we look outwards to all around us instead of simply looking after ourselves.

### LET US PRAY

**Father of love and compassion,  
with trust in your great mercy,  
we place our Pastoral Plan into your hands.**

## ACCOMPANYING PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

You took your cards for Prisoners of Conscience with enthusiasm. This is a gentle reminder to write in them and make your way to the Post Office to buy the correct stamp. Do keep the information sheet and pray for your prisoner. It could be important to talk to family and friends about the person you have reached out to. WELL DONE!

## MAKING FRIENDS WITH LOCAL CHURCHES

After welcoming Advent together last Sunday evening, we are looking for parish representatives for this next meeting.

The Newsham Council of Churches gathers for an opportunity to plan further events together on:

**Monday 13th December at 7.00pm at SFX.**

**Please phone for more information: 0151 263 6578.**

## Precautions

**Remain careful.**

**For those you love and meet.**

**STAY CAUTIOUS!**

### 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 should be no clustering.

Let us all work to avoid another Lock Down.

## 1st HOLY COMMUNIONS

Please pray for the children and their families who are currently making their First Holy Communion.

This week, Yr4 children have received their invitation to join the **With You Always** Holy Communion preparation programme. Please return the registration form to school **as soon as possible**.

**Children who want to be included in the programme**

**MUST be baptised.**

If your child is not baptised,  
please contact Fr. Fitz for information.

Do keep our schools and young people in your affection and prayers.  
Our Home, School, Parish partnership is alive and well.