

PEACE THOUGHTS

Mary of Nazareth knew well what it meant to be strong. She was strong enough to know that she had been favoured by God when the society of her time said she couldn't be so favoured, and tradition said she wouldn't be.

She was strong enough never to give up, not to be afraid to begin over, again and again - after Bethlehem, after Egypt, and after the crucifixion. Mary is not simply 'Mary, the Mother of God', on the contrary, the Mother of God is the image of women everywhere. The Mother of God is Mary, the independent woman; Mary, the unmarried mother; Mary, the homeless woman; Mary, the political refugee; Mary, the Third World woman; Mary, the mother of the condemned; Mary, the widow who outlives her child; Mary, the woman of our time who shares the divine plan of salvation; Mary, the bearer of Christ.

Mary shows us the sanctifying power of a human being who has become fully human. Alongside Miriam and Judith and Deborah - heroines of the Jewish tradition - today our Mary takes her place in an established lineage of rebel women who exercised their own power in order to accomplish the will of God.

She has made feminism an article of the faith, and her power is holy. So, let's go forth today with eyes fixed on the world through the lens of Mary's great prayer, the Magnificat, where the lowly are lifted high and participate, as she did, in God's reordering of the world.

Mary of Nazareth, be our example. Guide us as we also strive to do God's will in our own time and place. Amen.

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

SUNDAY 9.50pm PBS AMERICA: TRUMP'S AMERICAN CARNAGE

Explores how Donald Trump stoked division, violence and insurrection during his presidency and its effect on America.

MONDAY 7.35pm BBC1: HUNTING THE SOCIAL MEDIA FRAUDSTERS

Explores how cyber scammers are using social media to extort money and asks why the government and the big tech companies are failing to stop them.

MONDAY 9.00pm Film4: PETERLOO

During a time of social unrest among the working class, a group gathers in Manchester to hear a radical speaker when the authorities set about a chain of events that results in the Peterloo massacre.

THURSDAY 7.30pm ITV1: AIR POLLUTION - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

With national legal limits on air pollution not met since 2010, this film investigates what is being done to tackle the problem and assesses the health implications.

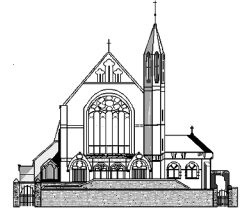
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Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



14th/15th August '21 Feast of the Assumption Yr. B

MASS TIMES

Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart

Wed 12 noon St Michael Funeral Service William Lacken

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael's

GOSPEL THOUGHTS Luke 1:46-56

When putting a jigsaw together we will often never give up with a stubborn piece until we have tried it all ways and even upside down.

When Mary knew she was having a baby she told her cousin Elizabeth that she was caught up in God's plan to turn the world upside down. Trying to explain to Elizabeth she came out with a wonderful song summarizing God's effect on things.

The proud would be routed, princes would be swapped with the lowly and the hungry and rich would change places too.

God coming into the world as a child who needed care was turning things upside down. Lowly Mary was at the centre of God, revealing divine nature. Her body was to be God's grand entrance into the world and human history.

Mums and families are clearly chosen to be the place to find God come amongst us.



REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Maureen Ginnelly, William Laken, Nancy Rix,
Achamma, Peter Dooley, Tracey Howarth, Lilian Greene
and members of our own families
who have gone before us.

SYNOD 2020-2021-2022

The Archbishop has now returned
from a retreat with his team of advisers.
We await the report that will be published
and presented to us in Advent.

The Plan will be given to us on the
1st Sunday of Advent, 28th November
(the Church's new year)

LET US PRAY

Father, of love and compassion,
with trust in your great mercy, we place our Synod
into your hands. Be with each member of our Synod
and guide them with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Give us all the wisdom and courage
to respond in new ways to the challenges we face
and to the needs of our brothers and sisters,
so that we may become ever more closely
the Church you are calling us to be.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
AMEN

FUNERAL Please pray for and think about our bereaved families
who are coping with restrictions at this time,
as our parish keeps company with them.
Wednesday: William Laken at 12 noon at St Michael's.

Please take a copy of the CATHOLIC PIC with you as you go home .

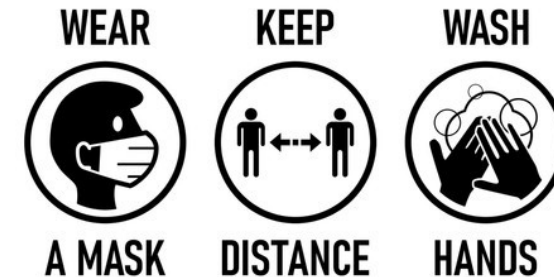
Coming out of strict precautions means an inevitable
peak of contagion and deaths.

We must do things slowly.

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 must be no clustering.



PLEASE CONSIDER WEEKDAY MASS INSTEAD OF SUNDAY.

Some parishioners cannot come into Church on Sunday
after 50-60 have arrived before them.

The Archbishop wants you to know that
in this 'Lock Down' period,
you can be helpful by coming 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.

PARISH BILLS

We are only just paying essential bills.
We are missing you more than your contributions!