

ADVENT PEACE THOUGHTS

Do we think that peace on earth comes from Caesar or Christ?
Do we think that it comes from violent victory or nonviolent justice?

Advent is a choice about how to live
personally, nationally and internationally.

Marcus J. Borg

We are made for goodness. We are made for love. We are made for
friendliness. We are made for togetherness. We are made for all of
the beautiful things that you and I know. We are made to tell the
world that there are no outsiders. All are welcome: black, white, red,
yellow, rich, poor, educated, not educated, male, female, gay, straight,
all, all, all. We all belong to this family, this human family, God's family.

The God who existed before any religion, counts on you to make
the oneness of the human family known and celebrated.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

TUESDAY 9.00pm PBS AMERICA: EDGE OF EXISTENCE

Explores the threat to the survival of both humans and wildlife in the
Serengeti due to development, deforestation and depletion of natural
resources,

TUESDAY 8-11.00pm SMITHSONIAN: THE REAL JESUS OF NAZARETH

Robert Powell, the actor who starred as Jesus of Nazareth, explores
the life and ministry of Christ, separating the man from the myth.

THURSDAY 7.30pm ITV1: A MERRIER CHRISTMAS?

Last year, Christmas celebrations had to be cancelled due to lockdown.
With the nation now facing new restrictions to counter the Omicron
variant, will Christmas 2021 be the same?

THURSDAY 10.00pm BBC4: THE LAST IGLOO

A day in the life of an Inuit hunter in Greenland, revealing his simple
lifestyle, as the Arctic around him warms up twice as fast as the rest
of the world and the ice sheet rapidly disappears.

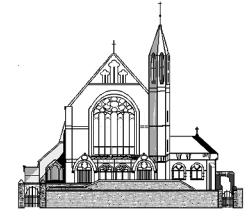
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18th/19th December '21 4th Sunday of Advent Yr. C

MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael

*Friday Christmas Eve 7.00pm Sacred Heart
and 11.00pm St Michael*

Saturday Christmas Morning 10.30am St Michael

Sunday Boxing day 10.30am St Michael's

GOSPEL THOUGHTS Luke 1:39-45

The great feast of Christmas is
announced with pregnancy. Mary and
Elizabeth spend a good three months
together. We can only imagine the chat and
companionship that took place as they
worked things out together.

We are told there was movement
within their wombs; joy. Mary was
overcome with God; "he has done great
things for me."

With reflection everyone of us is full
of joy and gratitude for the pregnant
woman who gave us life. Our mums, along
side Elizabeth and Mary, are God's fellow
workers in making all of us.

Christmas is all of humanity rejoicing in God working
through our families to arrive in our time. "May we share the
divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share our
humanity" (a prayer said in mass).



REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Gary Walsh, Christopher Allt, Joseph Fitzgibbon,
Augustin Hubert, Geraldine Poole, Paul Benbow
and members of our own families
who have gone before us.

SYNOD 2020-2021-2022

There are 6 action areas proposed for the future of the Archdiocese.

Which of the action plans would you like to be part of?

Your choice might have us all on the launching pad ready to go.

These are

1. Becoming a church that **accompanies people through life**
2. Becoming a church that **honours the vocation of all the baptised**
3. Becoming a church **where synodality is embedded**
4. Becoming a church that **renews its organisational structures and administers its property to serve its mission.**
5. Becoming a church **where young people and young adults flourish.**
6. Becoming a church **that cares for its priests.**

God is there for us, we are used to asking for our needs.

God is calling us, inviting us to join in the work of being there for each other.

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.**

S.V.P.

On your behalf The St. Vincent de Paul Society have organized substantial food tokens and our parish is distributing them to families that need a little support at this expensive time.

WELL DONE.

Please do keep the SVP in mind as you leave church.

Happy Christmas Everyone

Christmas is the feast of families -
Mary, Joseph and Jesus!

You and your family are Christmas.
God comes to us through the joys, hopes
fears and anxieties of your family life.
May God bless you all and bring you
peace and love not only at
Christmas, but throughout 2022.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We are inviting you to contribute towards flowers to decorate the altars at both our churches for the Christmas Season. Thank you in anticipation for your generosity.

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

Congratulations to all the children who have made their First Holy Communion this year, only a few more who are waiting until January.

Yr4 children have received their invitation to join the next

With You Always Holy Communion preparation programme which will start in the New Year.

All registration forms must be returned 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.