

NEW YEAR PEACE THOUGHTS

WISE WORDS TO HELP US MAKE SOME NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS!

'You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope.'

Thomas Merton

'Invite people into your life who don't look like you, don't think like you, don't act like you, don't come from where you come from. You might find that they will challenge your assumptions and help you grow as a person.'

Be assured, you will get powerful, new insights from these individuals.'

Melody Hobson

'Look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him, everything else.'

CS Lewis

'In a world so torn apart by rivalry, anger, and hatred, we have the privileged vocation to be living signs of a love that can bridge all divisions and heal all wounds.'

Henri Nouwen

'If the grass looks greener on the other side.....stop staring; stop comparing; stop complaining and start watering the ground you're standing on!'

Anonymous

WORTH WATCHING!

SUNDAY - WEDNESDAY 9.00pm ITV1: ANNE

Powerful drama over four nights of one mother's quest for justice after her 15-year-old son died in the Hillsborough tragedy.

TUESDAY 7.00pm SKY ARTS: LEONARD COHEN: I'M YOUR MAN

Documentary portrait of the Canadian singer and poet.

WEDNESDAY 8.00pm SKY ARTS: THE MICHAELANGELO CODE: SECRETS OF THE SISTINE CHAPEL

Searches for the code hidden in the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

THURSDAY 9.00pm ITV1: THE REAL ANNE: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Documentary chronicling the decades-long battle of the Liverpool mother and campaigner, Anne Williams, to expose the truth after the Hillsborough disaster.

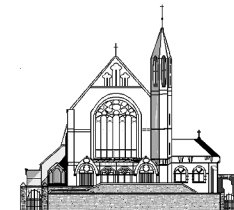
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Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



1st/2nd January '22 2nd Sunday of Christmas Yr. C

MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart

Thursday EPIPHANY 12noon Sacred Heart
7.00pm St Michael

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael's

GOSPEL THOUGHTS John 1; 1-5, 9-14

In the heat of an argument,
a parent says, "I'm your father."
A troubled teenager replies,
"I never asked to be born."

Jesus came to the world that had
life through him and the world did not
recognize him, did not accept him.

First, is the wonder and joy that the
creator comes as one of his own. Second,
is the foolishness that the creatures do
not know him. Next and best, the
Creator stays, sets up home among us.

Before we were born we were
chosen! Rejected by our teenage
immaturity, God's resilient love is made clear. The father came
through Mary, our brother who would not give up on the world
who rejects him.

The beginning of love is to know we are loved. We must
spend time trusting in this divine love. Confident we are gifted
within this eternal love, we are invited to display that same
quality love in all our encounters with others that we meet.

Accepting this invitation is to be part of EPIPHANY.



REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Carol Rudkin, Gary Walsh, Desmond Tutu,
Geraldine Poole, Patrick Kelly
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 keep the SVP in mind as you leave church.

Happy Christmas Everyone

Over 170 people celebrated Christmas in our parish last weekend. The truth about God becoming one of us can be heard and celebrated in our district.

We are blessed by Mass,
the Bible heard and communion received, in our own area.
God in flesh, fed the poor in our parish. Most families worked hard to love, gift and celebrate in our neighbourhood. God came this Christmas.

Personal thanks for your generosity at this time,
Fr. Fitz.

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.