

## **CHRISTMAS PEACE THOUGHTS**

When the song of the angels is stilled;  
when the star in the sky is gone;  
when the kings and princes are home;  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost, to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nation, to make peace among people  
and to make music in the heart.

**Howard Thurman**

It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you...  
yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brothers and sisters  
and offer them your hand.

The coming of Jesus at Bethlehem brought joy to the world  
and to every human heart. May His coming this Christmas  
bring to each one of us that peace and joy that He desires to give.

**Mother Teresa**

## **WORTH WATCHING!**

### **MONDAY 11.35pm BBC4: A YEAR ON SCAPELL PIKE**

Charting life on England's highest mountain through the seasons.

### **TUES/WED/THURS 7.00pm BBC4: AUSTRALIA: EARTH'S MAGICAL KINGDOM**

Explores how, in Australia's vast and varied landscape, wildlife not only survives but thrives, and how climate extremes challenge all life there.

### **TUES/WED/THURS 8.00pm BBC4:**

### **THE ROYAL INSTITUTION : CHRISTMAS LECTURES**

Jonathan Van-Tam, the UK's Deputy Chief Medical Officer takes a deep dive into the fascinating and varied world of viruses and vaccines, and offers some surprising solutions to the current world crisis.

### **TUESDAY 8.40pm PBS AMERICA: CODEBREAKER**

The story of Elizabeth Smith Friedman, the ground - breaking cryptanalyst, whose painstaking work impacted on bringing criminals to justice during WWII.

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

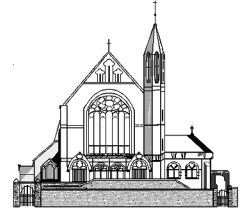
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## **25th/26th December '21 Feast of the Holy Family Yr. C**

### **MASS TIMES**

**Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart**

**Thursday 7.00pm St Michael**

**Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart**

**Sunday 10.30am St Michael's**

### **GOSPEL THOUGHTS**     **Luke 2:41-52**

Families are friends that cannot be shaken off; that is God's plan; a set of relationships that last for ever.

Mums and Dads promise one another, to be there 'until death do us part'. Babies and teenagers are delightful and cannot be lost when they are challenging and awkward.

Joseph and Mary had an awful time getting together and then had to flee to save their child.

Refugees in Egypt, they returned and had to thrash out a living to support their troublesome teenager. He had a personality different to his parents; ideas about life that challenged them.

Family life is where all that is comfortable and all that is taxing is played out among people that cannot be shaken off.

Your family is holy. It is God's plan for parents and siblings to learn to love without end.



## **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  
...and Carol Rudkin, on the threshold of eternity.

## **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**

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**

Thank you, donors!

Do notice the flowers on the altars in both our churches.

### **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.