PEACE THOUGHTS

We have made money our god and called it the good life. We have trained our children to go for jobs that bring the quickest corporate advancements at the highest financial levels. We have taught them careerism, but not ministry, and wonder why ministers are going out of fashion. We fear coddling the poor with food stamps while we call tax breaks for the rich, business incentives. We make human community the responsibility of government institutions, while homelessness, hunger, and drugs seep from the centres of our cities like poison from open sores for which we do not seek either the cause or the cure. We have created a bare and sterile world of strangers where exploitation is a necessary virtue. We have reduced life to the lowest of values so that the people who have much will not face the prospect of having less!

So, who is called to proclaim truth to this, our self-centred generation, to the society we have created? The answer is easy: WE ALL ARE! It is our task, as individuals, as intentional groups, wherever we are on social spectrum, to cry out and do something to redeem our battered, beaten world from the greed, the egregious elitism, that smothers it; to seed the present with what God wants so that others may one day reap the best of what we sowed. THIS WORLD WAITS FOR YOU AND ME! Joan Chittister

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

SUNDAY 10.15pm ITV1: SURVIVING SQUALOUR

Examines the shocking conditions endured by some families living in social housing.

TUESDAY 9.00pm SMITHSONIAN: THE ASSASSINATION TAPES

The tumultuous events surrounding the assassination of Martin Luther King.

WEDNESDAY 10.00pm C4: THE MAN PUTIN COULDN'T KILL

A look at the poisoning and aftermath of Russia's opposition leader, Alexei Navalny, giving an insight into how Putin deals with those who oppose his hold on power.

THURSDAY 9.00pm C4: HELP

Powerful drama set in a fictional Liverpool care home during lockdown depicting the harrowing reality of life during the pandemic.

THURSDAY 9.00pm BBC1: ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF UNION

Investigates what the future holds for Northern Ireland and whether a united Ireland could possibly be on the horizon.

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11th/12th September '21 24th Sunday Yr. B

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 Mark 8:27-35

"Is there enough evidence to convict you of being a Christian?"

'Be compassionate as your heavenly Father is compassionate.' said Jesus. Then, you must know that the evidence of your compassion will disturb the way things are done. Some people will rejoice, but others will be upset that things are changing.

Jesus, in the gospel today, warns his friends that, to be a follower, will mean we must be prepared to be unpopular with some, as well as loved, by others.

Powerful and influential people were disturbed by Jesus' compassion for the despised and 'unclean' of his day.

Are you ready to love as God does? It will shake things up. Jesus found this out and wants to encourage and warn us to, 'Take up your cross and follow me'.



REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Alison Hegarty, James Finnigan, Ritchie McArdle, Cissie Atkinson, John Smith and members of our own families who have gone before us.

SYNOD 2020-2021-2022

<u>Update</u>: The Archbishop and team will be writing up the Pastoral Plan in September from the list of Recommendations voted on by Synod members. Please keep them in your prayers. The Pastoral Plan will be given to us at the end of November.

LET US PRAY

Father, of love and compassion, with trust in your great mercy, we place our Synod into your hands. Give us all the wisdom and courage to respond in new ways to the challenges we face 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

Please take a copy of the <u>CATHOLIC PIC</u> with you as you go home. Read all about the new Bishop Tom and our St Francis of Assisi Academy.

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all our school children and staff from both our schools. We hope that you've had a good rest, time to recuperate and that this year will prove easier for you than the last two.

FOOD PANTRY KENSINGTON FIELDS FOR RESIDENTS OF L6 AND L7

The Food Pantry is open to all residents of L6 and L7 every **Tuesday 1pm - 3pm**. Register at Kensington Fields Community Centre. Registration is £3.50 for which you can have 10 items of groceries, enough for 3 family meals. For more information ring Sue or Myra on 0151 707 9107.

Precautions

Returning to Football Matches, Festivals and School will mean an inevitable peak of contagion. 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 <u>Hands, Face and Space.</u> There should be <u>no clustering</u>.

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 <u>during the week.</u> 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.

STOP the ARMS FAIR in LIVERPOOL Sat. 11th September

UK weapons sales are causing devastation around the globe. Many are sold to countries whose leaders have no regard for human rights. Interested? Find out more. Come along to our Pax Christi meeting to consider these issues..... Hundreds will take to the Liverpool streets this weekend to say 'no' to weapons sales.

RED BOXES

Please bring your RED BOXES to church this month, September. Bettie and Winnie will collect them and we will let the parish know how much we are contributing to the Foreign Missions.

HOLY COMMUNIONS

We have worked with a second group of youngsters, Present Yr. 5. Their dates are being rolled out slowly. Plans are being made for present Yr. 4. We may catch up some time in 2021 Do keep our schools and young people in your affection and prayers. Our home, school, parish partnership is alive and well.