

PEACE THOUGHTS

In Pope Francis' World Day of Peace message (sent to all foreign ministers throughout the world), he outlined three 'paths for building a lasting peace': *promoting dialogue between generations, investing in education and improving labour conditions.*

He said the world had witnessed a 'significant reduction' in education funding in recent years, while military spending had soared beyond Cold War levels.

He wrote, *'It is high time that governments develop economic policies aimed at inverting the proportion of public funds spent on education and weaponry.'*

He called for a *new alliance between the young and elderly to address the problems of isolation and self-absorption heightened by the coronavirus pandemic.* Of the labour market, he recognised that *young people entering the job market and recently unemployed adults presently face bleak prospects and that migrant workers have been left exposed, to various forms of slavery with no system of welfare to protect them.'*

The pope observed that *'only one in three people working today enjoy a system of social protection, or benefit from it only in limited ways, while violence and organized crime are rising in many places.'*

He went on: *'It is more urgent than ever to promote, throughout our world, decent and dignified working conditions, oriented to the common good and to the safeguarding of creation.'* and ended, *'May more and more men and women strive daily, with quiet humility and courage, to be artisans of peace'.*

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

WEDNESDAY 7.00pm FILM4: EYE IN THE SKY

Tense thriller about US/UK drone missiles raising the ethics of such practice.

WEDNESDAY 9.00pm BBC4: MY FAMILY, THE HOLOCAUST & ME

The criminal TV barrister, Robert Rinder helps some of the survivors and casualties of the concentration camps trace their forebears' footsteps.

WEDNESDAY 10.35pm BBC1: STACEY DOOLEY: STALKERS

Disturbing report following the women whose lives have been blighted by male stalkers.

THURSDAY 7.30pm ITV1: BUY NOW, PAY LATER

Investigates the growing practice of 'buy now, pay later schemes' which over a third of UK adults are using to make ends meet.



THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART

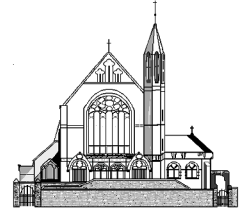
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15th/16th January '22 2nd Sunday Year C

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

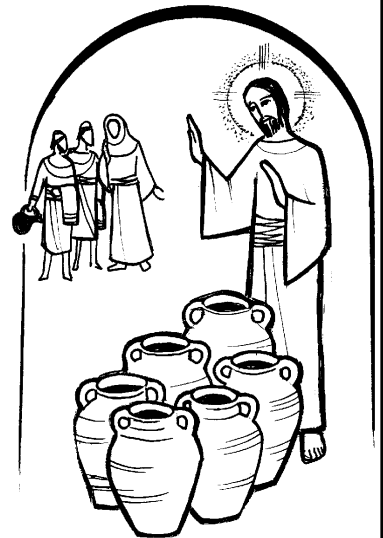
John 2:1-11

Setting off for a longer journey, it is sensible to check the tyres and how much petrol we have. A 'satnav' or map will help us see what is ahead of us and how to get there.

Caught up in love, marriage and family we will need lots of energy and commitment for the journey. This journey is decades long and requires heaps of energy. The commitment to be the most important part of your partners life will be full of surprises; joys and challenges.

Jesus, when a guest at a wedding, gives a massive gift for the life long promise that is marriage and family. Partnership and parenthood is why God made us. Both vocations are to a journey with loads of happiness and trials.

Six stone jars, each with about 25 gallons of wine is a sign that God gives us more than we need to complete and celebrate the vows. Lets get on with the wholesome task.



REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Carol Rudkin, Modestine Ngianene, John Byrne,
Brenda Fitzsimmons, Martin Burke, Michael Bingham
and members of our own families
who have gone before us .

SYNOD 2020-2021-2022

The Archbishop calls our attention to four SIGNPOSTS

1. To be immersed in the joys, hopes and anxieties of those we meet.
2. To take responsibility for the quality of life of the parish.
3. To be confident in our faith and personality.
4. To embed a profound and loving listening in all our decisions.

These are things we can work at straight away.

This way, we can be
something of Jesus' love for all we meet.

LET US PRAY

**Father of love and compassion,
with trust in your great mercy,
we place our Pastoral Plan into your hands.**

Sorry to ask

With fewer attending church our income is only a fraction of the previous time. Thanks to all those who have not forgotten us.

Here is a reminder that the Parish exists because of the generosity of those who attend. Income. Over to you.

FAMILY BILLS

Citizens Advice Bureau

0300 330 1196 debthelp@caliverpoolgmmap.org.uk

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.

"God is Present "

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.

PEACE SUNDAY

The need for peace in the world is obvious. People are struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of climate change and the Covid pandemic.

Today at Mass we will pray that we will harness the gifts and energy of all people and generations in the work of peacemaking and resolve to make a difference ourselves.

A Pax Christi resource for children is available
for you to pick up as you leave church.

HAPPY PEACE SUNDAY!

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY. **17TH-21ST JANUARY 12noon**

Have you read John chapter 17? If you have you'll know that Jesus wants us all to be united. This is the week you can start doing something about it if you haven't already.

We are invited to each others churches.

That would be doing something about it.

MONDAY 17th - All Saints, Molyneux Road.
TUESDAY 18th - Sacred Heart, Nr. Hospital.
WEDNESDAY 19th - Gold Church. Kensington
THURSDAY 20th - All Saints, Molyneux Road.
FRIDAY 21st - Alive Believers, Bold Street