

PEACE THOUGHTS

We have two choices: compassion or revenge. Choose!
'When,' Eleanor Roosevelt asks, 'will our consciences grow so tender that we will act to prevent human misery rather than avenge it?' Perhaps that is the one question which needs to be answered when toddlers sleep in wet tents or walk miles to find gates closed to them everywhere.

No wars would ever start, no bombs would ever fall,
if compassion, rather than fear, were the DNA of society.

What we depend on is the compassion of God, so the eternal question must therefore be: Who is depending on me for the same thing?

'The harshness with which we judge others will someday be the measure by which we ourselves are judged.' 'I really only love God,' Dorothy Day writes, 'as much as I love the person I love the least.'

Everything we do or do not do,
either raises or lowers the degree of humanity in the world.
We can sit around and bemoan the level of compassion everywhere,
but nothing changes until we ourselves do more to raise it.

Quotes from 'We Are All One' by Sr. Joan Chittister OSB

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

WED & THURS 9.00pm BBC2: WE ARE BLACK & BRITISH

The testimonies of black Britons from different backgrounds, confront us with tough, unsettling and emotional questions about being black in Britain

WEDNESDAY 10.00pm BBC4: MISSION JOY WITH

ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU & THE DALAI LAMA

Explores the friendship between these two great men, whose resistance against adversity has marked modern history.

THURSDAY 7.30pm ITV1: LOSING YOUR HOME - THE TRUE COST

Looks at the increasing pressure on tenants against the backdrop of a growing cost of living crisis and the Covid ban on evictions ending.

FRIDAY 7.30pm BBC2: INSIDE CULTURE WITH MARY BEARD

Explores how the thousands of years of stories and images stereotyping females have shaped our thinking; how art has treated women and the portrayal of power on stage and screen.

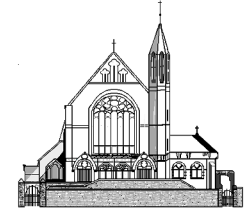
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Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



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Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart
Thursday 7.00pm St Michael

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart
Sunday 10.30am St Michael's

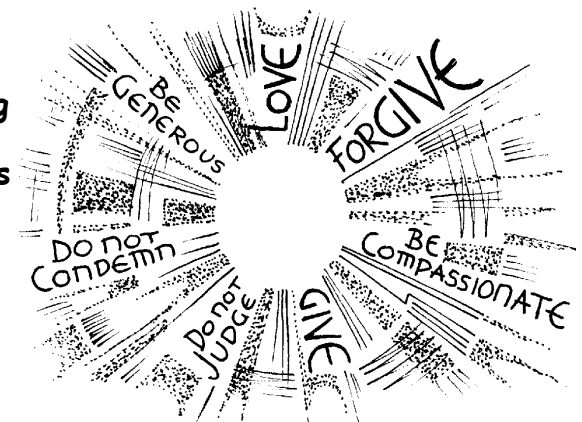
GOSPEL THOUGHTS Luke 6;27-38

'Fifty-fifty' usually means 'you do your bit and I'll match your efforts'. There is a veiled threat in that kind of arrangement; that I'll not do my bit until you do yours. Such a relationship is not love but commerce. We sometimes settle for this kind of bargaining.

Jesus is revealing the very nature of God whose gracious love is without conditions. Do 'stuff' without any hope of return, that is how to be 'good'; like God. Jesus was to love and forgive without hope of return. No price only gift.

Parents spend time and money on the children without any return. A silver wedding anniversary can only be celebrated with decades of doing for each other in patches when the other could not do in return.

Be compassionate as your Father.



REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Gerard Gibbons, Kathleen McIlwaine, Margaret Doyle
Frank McFarlane, John James White, Gerard Wharton
and members of our own families
who have gone before us .

SYNOD 2022

We are all invited to take some responsibility for the quality of life, at home, down our street and in our parish community. All our hopes, energy and experience are the tools that we need.

The parish is to be here in our locality and is meant to be a recourse, a place for all of us to be inspired as a 'good Samaritan' domestically and in the community.

The SYNOD suggests these four 'signposts' to become the person and parish we are meant to be.

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.**

PARISH FORUM

It's time to reassemble the Forum.

Parish life is represented in four Areas of Parish life.

1. Liturgy
2. Catechesis
3. Social Concerns
4. Finance.

Would the representatives please be in touch with the people in your area and consider convening a meeting?

"God is Present "

Precautions

Inside Public Spaces !

It is not against the law to be without a mask except "inside public spaces ". We would always want to be polite to those who are careful/anxious. Therefore we ask you to consider continuing to wear a face mask and sanitise in church.

St Luke's story of Jesus

We had three meetings discovering themes in Luke's gospel.
Joy, Women, Rejection and Salvation.
It was interesting fun.

Red Boxes

Please bring your Red Missionary Boxes to church to your Parish Representatives, Thank you.

Asylum Link Merseyside

Online fundraising event to be held on Wednesday 23rd February at 7pm. Various artists, musicians, poets and guest speakers (including Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Levi Tafari, Roger Phillips, Jimmy McGovern) are contributing their talents, songs and voices to support asylum seekers and refugees in our area. Tickets £6 on Eventbrite.com (search *Asylum Link Merseyside*)

THE POPE WANTS YOUR HELP

There are ten themes and lots of questions on Page 17 of the February Catholic Pictorial. Do read and respond.

FAMILY BILLS

Citizens Advice Bureau
0300 330 1196 debthelp@caliverpoolgmmmap.org.uk

DEBT ADVICE

Free confidential advice for residents of Kensington & Fairfield with a qualified money adviser.
Can be contacted Tuesday - Thursday 10-4 (074360394)