

PEACE THOUGHTS

'In times of great personal and social upheaval, real peacemakers, genuine bridge-builders, do four things:

First, they tap into their own deepest spiritual self and recommit to the higher values that dwell in them there.

Second, they speak kindly to the other at all times. No name-calling, no threats, no ultimatums, no personal judgments.

Third, they articulate their own values, goals, concerns and hopes clearly and calmly.

Fourth, and perhaps most importantly, they listen carefully to the issues and commitments that impel and motivate the other, looking for desires that are common to both sides.

Then, and only then, can we say that we are honestly committed to working together for the common good.

Only then can we call ourselves peacemakers.

We need this kind of common commitment so badly - for honesty, clarity, kindness and wisdom are the key to a just future.

None of this is easy, but it is where the work of peace begins!

From: To Be A Peacemaker' by Sr. Joan Chittister OSB

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

TUESDAY 7.00pm BBC2: SCOTLAND'S SACRED ISLANDS

Explores Catholic island life, asking whether the physical aspects of the landscape in the northern isles make it easier to forge spiritual connections.

WEDNESDAY 10.00pm BBC4: WRITING WITH FIRE: STORYVILLE

India's Dalits, the 'untouchables' caste, as they are called, are still not afforded the same rights of access to education and opportunity as their peers. In 2002 a group of Dalit women took action starting the first woman-only newspaper. This is the story of how they stirred up a revolution.

FRIDAY 7.30pm C4: UNREPORTED WORLD

In 2019, roughly 63 million kilograms of second-hand clothes from the UK were imported into Ghana. But, as this report reveals from a market in the capital Accra, up to 40% of these items are worthless to textile traders. As mountains of unwanted garments pile up, the situation is creating an environmental catastrophe.

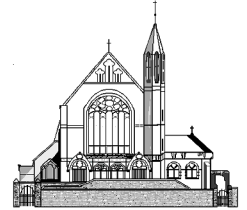
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MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

**ASH WEDNESDAY 12noon Sacred Heart
and 7.00pm St Michael**

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael's

GOSPEL THOUGHTS Luke 6:39-45

Lamb from the salt marshes are famous for their taste. Grazing on the grass that is visited daily by the sea tides the sheep have an inevitable flavour. Grapes exposed to different winds taste differently. The company we keep influences our attitudes and actions.

Jesus calls our attention to the truth that we influence each other. Keeping company is persuasive, a means of inspiration. Encouragement is powerful and could be good or dangerous. Like the sheep and the grapes it is important to be aware of the influences on ourselves as we develop and gather as family and friends.

The news we listen to, the gospel we read and the friends we keep give us a personality that effects all the people we meet. Be careful!



REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Kathleen McIlwaine, Margaret Doyle, George,
Frank McFarlane, Robbie, Jose Mathew
and members of our own families
who have gone before us .

PASTORAL PLAN

Following on from the past three years of listening to the joys and the fears of our lives locally, the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan is now being implemented. There is a team for each of the six areas of development. Hard work will ensure that the hopes and ambitions of the synod become a reality. We are invited to join in with that.

Side-By-Side Day (10am - 6pm)

On **Saturday 19th March** at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, there is an interactive event, exploring the vision of a Church that walks together and accompanies people in life and faith. The day will include a carousel of enriching workshops and everyone will be given a resource pack to take away to use in schools, parishes, local communities and families.

We are invited to attend with a partner, to accompany one another throughout the day (if you are coming alone, let them know and they'll pair you up with someone).

Tea, coffee and lunch will be provided.

The event will be repeated on **Sunday 20th March** if you cannot go on the Saturday. Mass will be celebrated during that day by the Archbishop.

To explore the pastoral plan, go to
<http://liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk>

For more information about the event, visit
<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/side-by-side>

To register for the event, contact by 6th March
registration@rcaol.org.uk

LET US PRAY

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

"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.

Red Boxes

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

ASH WEDNESDAY WALK starting at 11.45 am

Pax Christi invites you to join in the Annual Walk from St Luke's bombed out church to the Town Hall.

Ashes will be used at various sites along the way, repenting nuclear weapons and calling attention to the U.N. declaration that makes these weapons illegal.

Asylum Link Merseyside

The online fundraising event that took place last Wednesday was watched by approximately 300 people. It was an amazing, brilliant event. Much needed funds were raised to support the continuing work of the charity. The concert will be put on a disc for sale at a later date.

For more information: <https://www.asylumlink.org.uk/>

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?