### PEACE THOUGHTS

Change is obstructed by apathy and fear.

Apathy requires that we have to confront ourselves. Fear requires that we challenge our opposition. Allan Boasak says of change, 'We will go before God and God will ask us, 'Where are your wounds?' And we will say, ' We have no wounds!' And God will ask, 'Was nothing worth fighting for?'

There's a story about apathy:

A young man eagerly described what he dreamed of doing for the poor. Said the master, 'When do you propose to make this dream come true?'

The young man answered, 'As soon as the opportunity arrives.' 'Opportunity never arrives,' said the master, 'It is here already; so turn this very moment into the moment of opportunity for many.'

Sympathy is no substitute for action.

The question is: 'What did I do today to minimise the evil in our world in my neighbourhood, in my family? Allen Ginsberg says of it: 'It isn't enough for your heart to break, because everybody's heart is broken now.'

From 'We Are All One.' by Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB

### TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

SUNDAY 10pm BBC2: SORRY WE MISSED YOU Ken Loach's film offers a chastening portrait of the modern workplace.

#### SUNDAY 11.35pm BBC2: THE LIFE & FILMS OF KEN LOACH

Documentary looking at the career of one of Britain's most celebrated and controversial social commentary filmmakers.

#### MON-THURS 7.35pm PBS:

#### AMERICA: MYSTERIES OF MENTAL ILLNESS

Series exploring all aspects of mental health including its history, diagnoses and the most cutting-edge treatments.

### TUESDAY 9.00pm BBC2:

#### ASTRAZENECA: VACCINE FOR THE WORLD?

Has the jab lived up to its early promise?

#### WEDNESDAY 10.00pm BBC4: PRESIDENT: STORYVILLE

Documentary about the elections in Zimbabwe revealing a heart-breaking picture of a country seeing its democracy trampled upon.

#### THURSDAY 7.30pm ITV1: DYING WITH DIGNITY?

With new laws under consideration, could the UK permit euthanasia and assisted-dying?

Registered Charity 232709



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

Fr. James Nugent Pastoral Area St Michael's Church, Horne St, L6 5EH Sacred Heart Church, Low Hill, L7 8TN Tel: 0151 263 6578 Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



<u>5th/6th February '22 5th Sunday Year C</u> 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 Luke 5;1-11

When we are hurt we often avoid those who have hurt us. Some of us have learnt to avoid bad company.

Jesus has come to gather everyone in a love that creates a feeling of worth. Peter has a huge feeling of worthlessness as he experiences Jesus goodness. Jesus revealing God's love selects Peter because of his deep sense of unworthiness.



Chosen because he had a visceral sensation that led to his confession, Peter becomes the very place and opportunity that Jesus can work on; creating a sense of worth.

A group of fishermen, that sometimes had an unproductive catch might, represent our own unpredictable efforts at friendship and family life.

Jesus has come for those who experience their own clumsiness. The presence of God and our honest confession qualifies us to be selected. In Jesus company lets get on with the work, revealing God's love.

# REMEMBERED

### ...during Mass

Carol Rudkin, Milagrosa Andeme Peter Nicholson, Derek Worlock, Gerry Wharton 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 <u>something of Jesus' love for all we meet</u>.

### LET US PRAY

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

> DON'T BE ALONE WTH DEBT

# FAMILY BILLS

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

# FOOD AT THE PARISH DOOR

Your contributions and kindness goes a long way. Ring pull cans with a whole meal. Pasta, noodles and tinned tomatoes too. Thank you for your response. "God is Present "

# <u>Precautions</u> 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 in church

#### <u>St Lukes story of Jesus</u> Most Wednesdays of February

7pm St Michaels Parish Rooms with distancing. Come and explore together Luke's version of Jesus story from the stable to the Resurrection. With distancing.

### Meeting of Deanery Priests

Tuesday February 1st The priests of our diocese are setting about work arising from the Synod .

# Peace Sunday

There are still copies of Pope Francis peace day message if you would like one - its interesting reading .

# Saint Francis of Assisi Academy.

Newsham Park

### Read all about it!

Page 21 and 23 of the <u>Catholic Pictorial</u> (February edition) St Francis of Assisi and St Nicholas

### THE POPE WANTS TO KNOW

There are ten themes and lots of questions on Page 17 of the <u>Catholic Pictorial</u>. Do read and respond.

# VIGIL FOR PEACE.

Last Friday people of different faiths gathered at the Metropolitan Cathedral to pray for peace especially focussing on Russia / Ukraine .