### PEACE THOUGHTS

Are we so deaf that we do not hear a loving God warning us that humanity is in danger of committing suicide? Are we so selfish that we do not hear our just God demanding that we do all we can to stop injustice from suffocating the world and driving it to war? Are we so alienated that we can worship God at our ease in luxurious temples, which are often empty in spite of all their liturgical pomp, and fail to see, hear, and serve where God is actually present and where God requires our presence, among human beings, the poor, the oppressed, the victims of injustices in which we ourselves are often involved?

It is not difficult to hear God's call today in the world about us. What is difficult is to do more than offer an emotional response, sorrow, and regret. It is even more difficult to give up our comfort, break with old habits, let ourselves be moved by grace and change our life and be converted. Dom Helder Camara - The Desert Is Fertile

### TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

#### MONDAY 9.00pm BBC1: BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT

Report that questions why only 1% of all reported rape cases in England & Wales result in conviction and hears from both the victims and investigating detectives.

#### MONDAY 11.40pm BBC2: SPOTLIGHT

True life drama about the US journalists who revealed a massive cover-up by senior Catholic figures to conceal the true extent of clerical abuse across the USA.

#### WEDNESDAY 9.00pm BBC4: PUTIN, RUSSIA & THE WEST

Documentary on the rise of Putin, his hold on power and his relationship with the West.

#### WEDNESDAY 10.00pm BBC4: THE EARTH IS AS BLUE AS AN ORANGE

Timely film about a mother and her four children from Dombas in 2014 who made their own film in the midst of the chaos of war - a film which transforms their trauma into a work of art and preserves their humanity in the face of futile violence.

#### THURSDAY 9.00pm BBC2: HOW TO SLEEP WELL

With a third of the UK population struggling to sleep well, this report by Dr. Michael Mosely explores why this might be and offers some solutions to the problem.



### 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



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> 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 15:11-32

Love and arguments, chastising and celebrating are to be found in every family. Every home is the site of selfishness as well as compassion. Blaming and excusing are currency behind most front doors.

The safest place for our mistakes is amongst those who don't give up on us.

Jesus choses a family scene to reveal God the Father's love of his family. But more than tell us we are held in the palm of a parents love we are told to be something of that



love. To be better than others, even if they are wrong, is no excuse to refuse the joy that comes with reconciliation.

Lent is a time to check that we are not too correct locking ourselves out of the celebration, the party of welcoming the sinner back into the warmth of God's love.

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# REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Frank McFarlane, Robbie, John Noon, Fred Rose and Austin Smith and members of our own families who have gone before us.

# PASTORAL PLAN

We are only to take but to give. Your experience and skills are how your are to give.

God is there for us. We are used to asking for our needs. God is calling us, inviting us to join in the work of being there for each other. There are to be lots of opportunities for formation as we are all called to 'leadership'. The structures and relationships in the Archdiocese are all to be realigned so we look outwards to all around us instead of simply looking after ourselves.

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

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

<u>LET US PRAY</u> Father of love and compassion, with trust in your great mercy, we place our Pastoral Plan into your hands.

## The Breckfield Centre

The BNENC, at the corner of Mere Lane and Breckfield Road North, have a Tuesday evening group (6.30-8.00) called 'Crossroads' focused on addiction recovery and support.

# FAMILY BILLS

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

or

Struggling to pay your bills contact Kensington Fields Community Centre 0151 708 9107. The staff there will put you in touch with a Money Advisor for FREE and impartial advice.

# "God is Present "

## Precautions Inside Public Spaces!

It is not against the law to be without a mask except "i<u>nside</u> 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 to sanitise in church

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent St Michael's 6.00pm

Special Stations of the Cross to be held Good Friday (15th April) at 10.30 am at Sacred Heart church. The local Christians in the area have asked us for this.

# UKRAINE

You are invited to visit church and pray for peace in Ukraine and in other countries we often loose sight of. Check the front of this newsletter to know when either of our two churches is open.. Church will be open before each Mass and an hour before on Thursdays.

### NEWSHAM AND WEST EVERTON COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Journey through Lent. Wednesday evenings 7.30pm Next meeting;

30th March at St Margaret's Church, Rocky Lane, L6 4BA A chance to meet and share with other Christians.

# 1st HOLY COMMUNIONS

Children who want to be included in the programme <u>MUST</u> be baptised.

If you are Catholic and your child is not baptised, please contact Fr. Fitz for information.

Do keep our schools and young people in your affection and prayers. Our 'Home, School, Parish partnership' is alive and well.