

### PEACE THOUGHTS

As the people of Ukraine defy their invaders and so many families flee their homeland, perhaps these words of ETTY HILLESUM, a Dutch Jew, who spoke out against Nazi aggression during World War II and who was killed in Auschwitz at the age of 29, could be our prayer for all who suffer oppression today.

'And the funny thing is that I don't feel I'm in their clutches anyway, whether I stay or am sent away. I find talk is so cliché-ridden and naïve and I can't go along with it anymore.

I don't feel in anyone's clutches;

I feel safe in God's arms, to put it rhetorically, and no matter whether I'm sitting at my beloved old desk now or in a bare room in the Jewish district or perhaps in a labour camp under SS guard in a month's time - I shall always feel safe in God's arms.

They may well succeed in breaking me physically, but no more than that. I may face deprivation and cruelty, the likes of which I cannot imagine even in my wildest fantasies, yet all this is a nothing compared to the immeasurable expanse of my faith in God and my inner receptiveness.'

### TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

#### TUESDAY 9.00pm BBC4: MOTHERS, MISSILES & THE U.S PRESIDENT

Recounts the extraordinary story of three women from Wales who joined the Greenham Common Peace Camp in protest at the nuclear weapons housed in the US airbase there. Despite ridicule, the threat of violence and imprisonment, these women challenged the threat of nuclear warfare.

#### WEDNESDAY 9.00pm C4: WHO MADE BRITAIN FAT?

Why are politicians seemingly so powerless to halt the rise in obesity?

#### WEDNESDAY 10.00pm BBC4: STORYVILLE: TANGO WITH PUTIN

Explores the struggle to protect independent journalism in Russia.

#### WEDNESDAY 10.35pm BBC1: INSIDE THE CONVENT

Stacey Dooley spends ten days living with a group of women who have taken vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Will their strict lifestyle influence her own attitudes towards religion, lifestyle and death?

#### THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV: THE TRUTH ABOUT STALKING

Looks at the chilling ordeal of stalking which mostly affects women, and asks if enough is being done to tackle the problem.

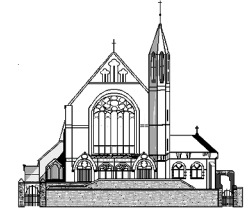
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## **THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART**

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### 5th/6th March '22 1st Sunday of Lent Year C

### MASS TIMES

*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*

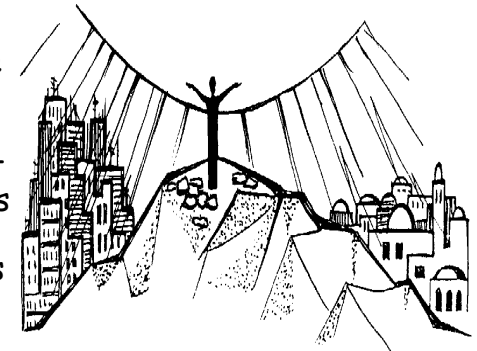
### GOSPEL THOUGHTS Luke 4:1-13

'Sorry. I did it without thinking.' This is what we might say with regret, to apologise. It is better to think first. When we get it wrong it is important to think again; to repent. We are pensive when we are thinking: to repent is to stop and do it different.

Jesus went in to the desert to think things out and that was when he started his public life. Quiet and unnoticed through his twenties he thought again and changed to share his life with and for other people.

He refuses sustenance from the wrong source, earthly power and false security or idols. We hear that he trusts the Word of God that would drive him to reveal God's love for all those God has made.

Lent could be our opportunity to choose the Word of God. Read Luke's gospel before Easter arrives. We will be nourished.



## REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Kathleen McIlwaine, Margaret Doyle, Frank McFarlane,  
Robbie, Jose Mathew, Francis Hapson  
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](mailto: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 to sanitise in church

### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

FRIDAY 11th March 2022

Envelopes will be available to support Cafod the Catholic Aid agency . Please consider making a donation

### ASH WEDNESDAY WALK

Thanks to all who supported Pax Christi last week in the city centre witness. It was encouraging . Pax Christi meets on Wed March 16th at 2pm in the Parish Rooms. Come and find out about the work it does.

### Asylum Link Merseyside

The online fundraising event that took place last Wednesday was watched by approximately 300 people.  
Latest amount raised is £2,835. Thankyou

### PARISH FORUM

The Parish Forum meets this coming Thursday March 10th . Representatives of the four areas of parish life Liturgy, Catechesis, Finance and Social Justice .

Hope to see you there

7.30 St Michaels Parish Rooms

### NEWSHAM AND WEST EVERTON COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Journey through Lent.

Wednesday evenings 7.30pm

Beginning 9th March at St Peters L5 3PE

Contact Debbie 0151 298 1911

### The CATHOLIC 'PIC'

The March edition has the Catholic vigil about the Ukraine situation in it. Can you see the Pax Christi Banner?