

ADVENT PEACE THOUGHTS

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Saturday, 10th December is the 74th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, an international document adopted by the United Nations General Assembly that enshrines the rights and freedoms of all human beings. Please pray, in this Advent season, for those who wait in longing and hope, and who suffer so much, to bring peace and justice to our world.

'You may be 38 years old, as I happen to be. And one day, some great opportunity stands before you and calls you to stand up for some great principle, some great issue, some great cause. And you refuse to do it because you are afraid.... You refuse to do it because you want to live longer.... You're afraid that you will lose your job, or you are afraid that you will be criticized or that you will lose your popularity, or you're afraid that somebody will stab you, or shoot at you or bomb your house; so you refuse to take the stand. Well, you may go on and live until you are 90, but you're just as dead at 38 as you would be at 90. And the cessation of breathing in your life is but the belated announcement of an earlier death of the spirit'.
Martin Luther King (assassinated 4th April 1968)

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

MONDAY 10.00pm C4: SEXUAL HARASSMENT - THE TRUTH

Exposes the reality of sexual harassment experienced by women and girls in Britain today.

TUESDAY 10.00pm BBC4: A BUNCH OF AMATEURS: STORYVILLE

Touching documentary about the Bradford Film Makers, an amateur group, preparing to make their version of a Hollywood musical in order to save their beloved club that is under threat.

WEDNESDAY 11.05pm C4: CHILDREN OF THE TALIBAN

Follows four children living in Kabul, whose lives have changed dramatically since the US withdrawal from the country and the Taliban takeover, revealing the challenges the future holds for them and their country.

THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: CHRISTMAS SAVES AND SCAMS?

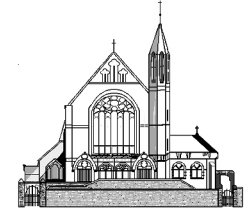
With inflation at a 40-year-high, how can we cut costs and still have a Christmas to remember?

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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

GOSPEL THOUGHTS Matthew 11:2-11

Grand parents these days are often caught up in the raising of the grand children. Sometimes they will not live long enough to see all the fruits of their hard work.

Wanting immediate gratification is normal in a two year old. Demanding your own way is often the symptom of a sixteen year old. For grown ups, like those grandparents, their time short, they did all they did selflessly.

John the Baptist worked hard for all those who came to meet him preparing for the arrival of his cousin Jesus. He was put in jail and wanted to know if his efforts had not been in vain. Jesus says to the crowd 'This John was the best person alive'.

This Advent let's get on with the job, caring generously, especially when we don't benefit ourselves. Our lives are to be spent for and among others. This is God's presence; Emmanuel.



REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Sean Bradly, Joseph & Charlotte Moore,
Esther Robinson, Mary Burrows, John Gildea
and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

PASTORAL PLAN Deanery Synodal Council

Although there have been some delays because of changes to structures in the Archdiocese, the Deanery councils have been meeting to consider two elements of the six-point Pastoral Plan. The team are keen to let parishes know what they have been discussing through the representatives and to gain feedback so that the process continues to unfold.

<http://liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk>

EMMAUS GROUP

'God for Grownups.' An hour for adults to look at our faith for our own time. A chance for conversations about our life in the light of the gospels. Interested?

Our next meetings will be
4.00pm Sunday 11th December

Energy Bills

Don't be alone with your worries.

Use less. Keep your Bills. Get in touch with your supplier.

Join a Credit Union. Speak to a Benefits Adviser.

Advice and support is available from the following:

Citizens Advice Bureau 0300 330 1196

Kensington Fields Community Centre 0151708 9107

BIG HELP Boaler Street 0808 275 9931

CATHOLIC PIC

The Catholic Pic for December is available.

Catholic Schools are featured in the 'PIC'

PAX CHRISTI

We will meet again in the New Year January 5th

DEANERY JUSTICE AND PEACE

Wednesday 14th December 5.00pm Horne Street

You are welcome.

SCHOOL CHILDREN IN SACRED HEART CHURCH

Mon 19th Dec. 2.00pm 'Nativity Story'

You are welcome.

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

One of our schools celebrated its 150th anniversary recently. The children learnt about past times, sang songs from different decades and had a Victorian-themed day. Many parents came to special assemblies. VIPs from the Archdiocese also came along and praised the work of the school. Well done to all!

With You Always (1st Communion preparation)

The sacramental programme on Reconciliation took place in November. Thanks to all parents, our young people and their teachers who attended a lively and worthwhile session.

Our 'Home, School, parish Partnership' is working.

Childrens First Reconciliation Service

Monday 12th December 5.30pm Sacred Heart Church

The preparation for Communion runs all the way through to May/June of next year. Do welcome our young people and their families throughout this important time.

WRITE FOR RIGHTS!

Our parishioners are sending Christmas cards to Prisoners of Conscience across the world. Over a hundred cards were taken away last weekend. There is a handful left. The envelope is already addressed. Your job is to read the slip about their plight in the card. Keep this slip at home, write a message and take the card to the post office and buy the stamp necessary to send it abroad. Remember your prisoner and pray for them.

THE IRISH CENTRE

Tea, bingo and a chat, 1-3pm on occasional Thursdays.

This coming Thursday December 15th

SEE YOU THERE

FOOD AT THE PARISH DOOR

We are getting low but the demand is constant.

Ring pull cans with a whole meal.

Pasta, noodles and tinned tomatoes too.

Thank you for your response.