

ADVENT
PEACE THOUGHTS

Come Lord!

**Do not smile and say you are already with us.
Millions do not know you and to us who do,
what is the difference?**

**What is the point of your presence if our lives do not alter?
Change our lives, shatter our complacency.
Make your Word flesh of our flesh,
blood of our blood and our life's purpose.
Take away the quietness of a clear conscience.
Press us uncomfortably.**

For only thus that other peace is made, your peace.

MARANATHA!

COME, LORD JESUS, COME!

Dom. Helder Camara

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

SATURDAY 9.45pm BBC4: MADE IN DAGENHAM

Based on a true story of how women machinists at Dagenham's Ford factory fought to gain the same pay as their male colleagues. The unassuming heroine, Rita O'Grady, finds herself at the centre of a movement that is destined to change the lives of women for years to come.

SUNDAY 11.15pm ITV1: CHRIS KAMARA: LOST FOR WORDS

The broadcaster and ex-footballer, who was recently diagnosed with apraxia of speech, sets out to learn more about the condition.

TUESDAY 8.00pm SKY ARTS: THE MYSTERY OF THE NATIVITY

Explores the mystery of the famous story which has seen artists through the ages conjure extraordinary visions to fill the missing details of the tale.

TUESDAY 4.00pm RADIO 4: MOTHERS & SONS OF UKRAINE

Charts the experiences of Ukrainian mothers arriving in the UK as they try to keep in touch with their sons fighting against Putin's invasion.

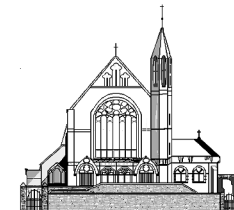
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**THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL
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Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



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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 Christmas Eve 6.30pm Sacred Heart
'Midnight Mass' 11.00pm St Michael
Sunday Christmas Morning 10.30am St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS Matthew 1;18-24

As we light the fourth candle of Advent, we suddenly enter family life. A new baby coming is an overwhelmingly exciting time.

The anticipation of an expected baby. Being so close, growing inside you, waiting for it to arrive, not knowing what it would look like, who it would resemble. Sometimes not even knowing whether it was a boy or a girl.

Someone so close growing as part of its mum, but mum knows nothing about and wouldn't recognise her child until it's here. Finally, the joy and a different excitement when all is revealed.

Before we were born we were loved, this is God's promise. The Church gives us Mary and Joseph, making it clear that all families are the way God arrives in each generation.



REMEMBERED
...during Mass

Francis McMahon, Joseph & Charlotte Moore,
Esther Robinson, Rose Ann Fitzsimons, Luke Dumbill
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, 29th January '23
5th & 12th February '23

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

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.

SCHOOL CHILDREN IN SACRED HEART CHURCH
Mon 19th Dec. 2.00pm 'Nativity Story'
You are welcome.

CHILDRENS VIGIL MASS

Christmas Eve 6.30pm Sacred Heart Church

All the children are invited to take part in

'An Unrehearsed Nativity'

Please bring your children to mass dressed as **any** nativity character. We have some costumes available for any child who hasn't got a costume, A tea towel on their head makes them a shepherd, an innkeeper or St Joseph! Children with or without a costume should meet in the back chapel by 6.20pm.

With You Always (1st Communion preparation)

Childrens First Reconciliation Service

Thank you to all the families that attended the First Reconciliation Service on Monday. Despite the terrible weather conditions nearly all the families turned up to a joyful and meaningful Service.

Our next session is January 24th, 5.30pm at The Irish Centre.

WRITE FOR RIGHTS!

Our parishioners have sent Christmas cards to Prisoners of Conscience across the world. Over a hundred cards were taken away. Well done everyone. Don't forget to post the ones you took away. 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.

PAX CHRISTI

We will meet again in the New Year, January 5th.