NEW YEAR PEACE THOUGHTS

WISE WORDS TO HELP US MAKE SOME NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS!

'Invite people into your life who don't look like you, don't think like you, don't act like you, don't come from where you come from. You might find that they will challenge your assumptions and help you grow as a person. Be assured, you will get powerful, new insights from these individuals.'

Melody Hobson

'You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope.'

Thomas Merton

'If the grass looks greener on the other side.....
stop staring; stop comparing; stop complaining
and start watering the ground you're standing on!'

Anonymous

'In a world so torn apart by rivalry, anger, and hatred, we have the privileged vocation to be living signs of a love that can bridge all divisions and heal all wounds.' Henri Nouwen

WORTH WATCHING!

MON 8.00pm BBC1: FROZEN PLANET II: WORLDS OF WONDER A spectacular journey from the Arctic to the Antarctic, revealing the wonders of nature in all its glory.

TUESDAY 7.30pm C4: 2022: THE YEAR FROM SPACE
More than one thousand satellites take millions of images of earth every day. This film takes a number of those images to reveal some remarkable insights into the year's major events.

WEDNESDAY 7.00pm LEONARD COHEN: I'M YOUR MAN Documentary portrait of the renowned Canadian singer and poet.

THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: FLY TIPPING: DIRTY BRITAIN Looks at why so much rubbish gets dumped illegally and at some of the possible solutions.

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



31st December - 1st January 2023 Mary; Mother of God p.110

MASS TIMES

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael Friday 12noon St Michael Epiphany Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart Sunday 10.30am St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS Luke 2; 16-21



Friendship, Family and Community are all essential for a healthy life. We are not meant to be alone. God made us to discover our selves in the connections and responsibilities of other people. These truths and ideas contradict the dominant trends of this present time.

It was a British P.M. who said "There is no such thing as community, only individuals." Loneliness is the oppo-

site to God's plans.

Conversations and the time to listen to each other are as important as the breath we breathe. Christmas is the time we remember God spoke and God's word was made flesh so we could listen and build our friendship with the Creator.

Mary had developed a time to chat to God and the partnership and plan they hatched changed the world. Mary is a model for all baptised people; a model for the church, we are encouraged to have conversations with God. This practice would bring us and God to change the world, what ever our situation. Talk with God.

REMEMBERED ...during Mass

Carol Rudkin, Irene Crosby, Annamma George, Tony Hunt, Rose Ann Fitzsimons, Francis Griffin 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

Six Areas of Development

- 1. Becoming a church that accompanies people through life
- 2. Becoming a church that honours the vocation of all the baptised
 - 3. Becoming a church where synodality is embedded
- 4. Becoming a church that renews its organisational structures and administers its property to serve its mission.
- 5. Becoming a church where young people and young adults flourish.
 - 6. Becoming a church that cares for its priests.

One of the four sign posts that emerged from the work that we in our local church have been doing over the last few years is "Embed synodality in every aspect of archdiocesan life."

FOOD AT THE PARISH DOOR

Thank You

We were getting low, but the demand is constant.
Your response has been very generous.
Ring pull cans with a whole meal.
Pasta, noodles and tinned tomatoes too.
Thank you for your response.

Holyday Epiphany Friday 12noon St Michael

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION

Cafod have written to thank the parish for the generous donations of £422. 10 for this year's Family Fast Day. Money raised will go to alleviate hunger in the global family.

Funerals

Francis Griffin 12.00noon Wed, 4th at Sacred Heart Roseanne Fitzsimons 12.00noon Mon,9th at St Michael's.

Please keep Pope Benedict in your prayers.

With You Always (1st Communion preparation)

Children's First Reconciliation Service

Thank you to all the families that attended the First Reconciliation Service. 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.

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?

4.00pm, Sunday, 29th Jan '23 5th & 12th February '23

PAX CHRISTI

We will meet again in the New Year,

January 5th, 2pm at St Michaels Parish Rooms.

You are very welcome

Energy Bills

Don't be alone with your worries.

<u>Use less. Keep your Bills. Get in touch with your supplier.</u>

<u>Join a Credit Union.</u>

<u>Speak to a Benefits Adviser.</u>

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