PEACE THOUGHTS

A true disciple of Jesus will always go to where people are feeling weak, broken, sick, in pain, poor, lonely, forgotten, anxious, and lost. It is often hard to go to places of weakness and rejection to offer consolation and comfort. It is possible only when we discover the presence of Jesus among the poor and weak and realize the many gifts they have to offer.

Henri Nouwen

'If we answer the call to discipleship, where will it lead us? What decisions and partings will it demand? To answer this question we shall have to go to him, for only he knows the answer. Only Jesus Christ, who bids us follow him, knows the journey's end; but we do know that it will be a road of boundless mercy. Discipleship means joy.'

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others; this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on the bus. True discipleship makes us a contemporary of Jesus, a companion in his work, a member of his family.

Ron Miller

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

SUNDAY 10.00pm BBC2: SCHINDLER'S LIST

The courage of Oskar Schindler is told in the Holocaust drama to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day, which is next Friday. (also on Thursday at 9.00pm)

MONDAY 8,00pm BBC1: DOGS, DEALERS & ORGANISED CRIME Undercover investigation revealing the increasingly close relationship between organised crime and dog dealing.

WEDNESDAY 9.00pm BBC4: BEGINNING & END OF THE UNIVERSE Ponders a universe far greater than we could imagine and explores the mysterious and enigmatic force that promises to revolutionise physics.

THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: BOTCHED: INSIDE THE BEAUTY BUSINESS Investigates problems which have led to customers suffering lasting damage with little recourse for those affected.

THURSDAY 9.00pm BBC3: HUMZA: FORGIVING THE UNFORGIVEABLE What happens when your instincts tell you to seek revenge, but your faith demands that you forgive? Can unsettled scores be left behind?

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21st/22nd January 2023 3rd Sunday Year A

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 4:12-23

We all know people who make us feel relaxed. We really are poor if no one causes us to feel content. Sometimes we meet people whose words and actions make us feel appreciated. When you say 'you are a friend' and that person feels comfortable you are behaving with integrity; with grace.

Jesus started his work as he meant to go on. Speaking of God the Father's love, he was something of the warmth of that love. Alone to begin with, he met Simon and Andrew who experienced something so deeply they left their work as fishermen and followed him. In those early days around Lake Galilee he met James and John too, now there were five. Later the group was twelve disciples that became twenty two

and one time, seventy two.

In 2023 we are' millions and in every continent. The job is still the same; to be a source of comfort and joy in every encounter.

Let's get on with the task.

REMEMBERED ...during Mass

Joyce Rhoden, Margaret Crawford, Annamma George, Tony Hunt, Michael Brien, and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

PASTORAL PLAN

Deanery Synodal Council

http://liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk
Things are under way.

Members of the council are intent on gathering catechists from across the deanery to congratulate and encourage parishioners who give their time to preparation for reconciliation and communion.

Next meeting is Wednesday 25th January. Your feedback or comments for the council are encouraged and welcomed.

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

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 generous response.

PAX CHRIST MEETING

Thursday, 9th February, 2.00pm in Parish Rooms, St. Michael's Please join us; you are very welcome!

FUNERAL

One of our longest parishioners has died; gone to eternity.

Michael Brien. Decades attending mass and one decade collecting the offertory from the congregation he has no family of his own. PLEASE consider attending his funeral on Tuesday 7th Feb 12noon at St Michael's church.

This community is his family. Thank You.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING

Monday 23rd January Horne St., 7.30pm All welcome.

DEANERY JUSTICE AND PEACE MEETING

Wednesday, 25th January, 5.30pm in St. Michael's, Horne St. Please join us; you are very welcome!

WITH YOU ALWAYS
(1ST COMMUNION PREPARATION)

Our next session is Tuesday 24th January, 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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (23rd- 27th January)

This week all Christians are invited into each others' churches to pray together. The short gatherings will take place at 12 noon at the following places:

Monday L'Arche Community at The Ark, Lockerby Road

Tuesday Gold House Chapel on Kensington

Wednesday Alive Believers Church, 259-261 Boaler Street

Thursday All Saints Church, Sheil Road Friday Kensington Methodist Church