

## PEACE THOUGHTS

In Lent we are invited to enter into a deeper friendship with Jesus Christ:  
to give up what we want and choose what he wants;  
to open our eyes, our ears and our hearts to what He is asking us to do.  
He asks us to pray more: that means talking less and listening more.  
Jesus asks us to fast: not to waste anything; and that means time and things.  
Jesus asks us to be more generous, to give to others  
without expecting anything in return.'  
Pope Francis

What we depend on is the compassion of God,  
so the eternal question must therefore be:  
Who is depending on me for the same thing?

Everything we do or do not do, either raises or lowers  
the degree of humanity in the world. We can sit around  
and bemoan the lack of compassion around us,  
but nothing will change until we ourselves do more to raise it.

No wars would ever start, no bombs would ever fall,  
if compassion, rather than fear, were the DNA of society.  
Quotes from 'We Are All One' by Sr. Joan Chittister OSB

## TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

### SUNDAY 10.00pm C4: THE SECRET WORLD OF INCELS

Explores the online world of 'incels' - men who not only feel unable to interact with women, but actively despise them - and asks how have they ended up with such abhorrent views.

### TUESDAY 9.00pm BBC2: THE MORMONS ARE COMING

Follows three young Mormon missionaries through their training. As the realities of their strict new life dawn on them, including limited contact with their family and abstaining from popular culture, how will they cope?

### THURSDAY 10.00pm CHANNEL 5: ANOREXIC

Tells the stories of three young women with the eating disorder who know they risk dying, but who are unable to change their behaviour.

### THURSDAY 10.45pm ITV1: ON ASSIGNMENT

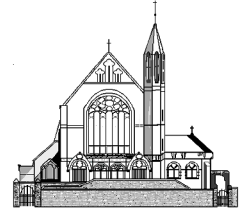
Travels to Turkey to examine the devastating effects of the earthquake there and looks at South Africa's energy crisis.

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

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**25th-26th Feb '23 1st Sunday of Lent Year A P.151**

### **MASS TIMES**

**Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart**

**Tuesday 9.30am St Michael**

**Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart**

**Thursday 7.00pm Michael**

**Friday FAMILY FAST DAY**

**Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart**

**Sunday 10.30am St Michael**

### **GOSPEL THOUGHTS Matthew 4:1-11**

Some houses built cheaply in an area of earthquakes should have been planned with the human tenants in mind. Our friendships and families must be planned carefully so they do not crumble and crush those who live there. Without careful preparation a task is likely to fail.

We have been given a special time to check how careful or careless we are with each other. Our model and blueprint is Jesus who calls us to know he is the Way.

What a gift to be called to Good Friday and Easter Sunday!

Sinners are forgiven, the careless given another chance; all is reconciled; a safe place for us and those we meet.

Thank God for this time of Lent to think again and be a safe place for each other.



## **REMEMBERED**

**...during Mass**

Kathleen McIlwaine, Bernadette Walls, Florence Slater,  
Elizabeth Davies, John Hynes  
and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

## **PASTORAL PLAN**

### **Deanery Synodal Council**

<http://liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk>

**Monday 6th February in St Michael's Meeting room**

There was a meeting of Catechists from across the Deanery.

**Thursday 16th February in the Cathedral**

There was an historical meeting of the Deanery Synodal Council  
and The Clergy Deanery Meeting.

The church locally setting up ways of listening and serving.

We are not only to take but to give.

Your experience and skills are how you are to give.

God is there for us. We are used to asking for our needs.

God is calling us, inviting us to join in the work of being there for each other. There are to be lots of opportunities for formation as we are all called to 'leadership'. The structures and relationships in the Archdiocese are all to be realigned so we look outwards to all around us instead of simply looking after ourselves.

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

### **ST MICHAELS CHURCH**

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT 6.15 PM

BEGINNING FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24TH

## **THE IRISH CENTRE**

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

SEE YOU THERE

## **ASYLUM LINK MERSEYSIDE**

ALM works with destitute Asylum Seekers providing a lifeline through a range of services. ? ALM relies on donations of food, clothes and toiletries. Some people host and give a shelter for a night or a weekend. Also you could consider becoming a member, setting up a standing order or giving a one off donation. Some of these people are part of our own community.

## **PAX CHRISTI ASH WEDNESDAY**

Thankyou to the parishioners who supported us this Ash Wednesday and to parishioners from other churches too. It was heartening to see you all. We went to the Town Hall and urged the council to take the opportunity to join the Nuclear Ban Cities by handing in and posting a request to the Mayor. We were joined by Christians of other faith traditions.

## **WITH YOU ALWAYS**

Next WYA session for families is

**TUESDAY, February 28th, 5.30pm at The Irish Centre.**

**Children's Mass: Sat 18th March, 6:30pm at Sacred Heart.**

**Sunday 19th March, 10:30am at St Michael's.**

## **DEANERY JUSTICE AND PEACE MEETING**

**Wednesday, 8th March, 5.30pm**

**in St. Michael's, Horne St.**

Please join us; you are very welcome!

## **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**

This Lent, CAFOD is supporting families with the skills and tools they have asked for to fight the climate crisis, in Bangladesh, 14 year old Dristy and her mum Rupali are building seed beds and planting palm trees to protect their crops from flooding and cyclones. On your envelope you can see a picture of them. Please consider making a donation to CAFOD this Lent [www.cafod.org.uk/lent](http://www.cafod.org.uk/lent)

## **JOURNEY THROUGH LENT**

NEWSHAM AND WEST EVERTON COUNCIL OF CHURCHES  
INVITE YOU TO SCRIPTURE REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION .  
**SFX CHURCH WEDNESDAY MARCH 22ND, 7PM 0151 298 1911**

## **SFX**

The Jesuits are leaving SFX and there will be a transition time . The church will be closed from Monday 17th April to Sunday 24th April. The new parish priest will be Fr Chris McCoy who will be in place early May. The Jesuits invite you to their 10.15 mass on Sunday April 16th with a reception afterwards to which you are invited.