PEACE THOUGHTS

Easter is not simply a day of celebration: It is, as well, a day of decision. What is really to be decided is whether or not we ourselves will rise from the deadening grip of this world's burnt-out systems to the light-giving time of God's coming again, this time in us. Then the Easter Alleluia is true: God is surely 'with us.'

Easter is the 'division of humanity' in the struggle between light and dark. Yes, Easter is about dazzling light—but only if it shines through us.

Sister Joan Chittister OSB

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.

Victory is ours, through him who loves us.

Easter says to us that despite everything to the contrary, Christ's will for us will prevail, love will prevail over hate, justice over injustice and oppression, peace over exploitation and bitterness.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

SUNDAY 7.00pm BBC1: OUR CHANGING PLANET

A report on the second year of a seven-year project to monitor the earth's endangered ecosystems, visiting Greenland, California and the Maldives to explore the challenges of climate change.

MONDAY 9.00pm BBC2: BOWELBABE IN HER OWN WORDS

Moving account of Deborah James' battle with bowel cancer and her unique campaign to raise awareness about the disease.

FRIDAY 7.30pm C4: UNREPORTED WORLD: YOUR PHONE'S DIRTY GOLD

Follows Brazilian police as they crack down on illegal gold mining in protected areas and how illegal Amazonian gold could be in our phones.

FRIDAY 9.00pm BBC2: PILGRIMAGE: ROAD THROUGH PORTUGAL

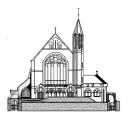
Follows a group of celebrity pilgrims as they reach their destination - the Marian shrine of Fatima.

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THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART

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15th-16th April '23 2nd Sunday of Easter Yr. A P 251

MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart
Tuesday 9.30am St Michael
Wednesday 12 noon Sacred Heart
Thursday FUNERAL 12 noon St Michael
Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart
Sunday 10.30am St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS

John 20:19-31 P.256

Parents and teachers search for images and ideas to help little ones cope with things they haven't experienced. We all need help to trust in things beyond our understanding.

Jesus knew that the Easter empty tomb would be more than his friends could handle. So like any adult with a child Jesus seeks out ways of reassuring his grieving friends. We

should notice He not only encourages them to move on from fear and disbelief but calls them to task.

Full of joy they are sent out to

be forgiving and sources of hope.
They were to live as community; not simply for themselves.

Like Peter and Thomas we are to encounter the Risen Jesus and then share the joy and hope in every meeting with others.

WE ARE EASTER PEOPLE; transformed and sent out.



REMEMBERED ...during Mass

Linda Gaines, Barbara Stephenson, George Russell Bernard Brougham, Gladys Range, and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

PASTORAL PLAN Deanery Synodal Council

http://liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk

The members are gathering information about Asylum Seekers and attending a talk on the situation in Jerusalem and the West Bank in Palestine. On their agenda is a visit to the university for a talk on Synodality. The Deanery Council has also started an audit of the parishes in the deanery so as to better understand what is done in each parish and various ways of being a parish community.

This council is made up of lay people and a few 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."

THEREFORE.....

PARISH FORUM Wednesday 19th April 7.00pm.

A special Anniversary meeting.

Among your many priorities and responsibilities ... a chance to chat about and develop the workings of the parish community

THE IRISH CENTRE

Tea, bingo and a chat, 1-3pm on occasional Thursdays. **SEE YOU THERE!**

GET READY!

When you vote in the future, you will need to have ready some form of **photo-identification**. This could be a driver's licence, a passport, a Blue Badge, a national older person's bus pass.

Register to vote before May's local elections.

CAFOD RUNNING TOTAL FOR FAMILY FAST DAY IS 312.93

FUNERAL

For Bernard Brougham Thursday, 20th April, 12 noon, at St. Michael's.

<u>DEANERY JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP</u>
Will meet on Tuesday, 18th April at 5.00pm
in the Parish Rooms, Horne Street.

EMMAUS GROUP

'God for Grownups.'

4.00pm Sundays 16th, 23rd and 30th April
An hour and a bit 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?
One of our parishioners has been received into Catholicism
this Easter. Do keep her in your prayers.

WITH YOU ALWAYS

1st Communion Preparation
Childrens Mass Sat 22nd April Sacred Heart
or Sun 23rd April St Michael
Next 'With You Always' session for families is on
Tues. 25th April, 5:30pm at Irish Centre

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER'S CHURCH

The Jesuits have leafed 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.

KNITTING FOR

Thank you to everyone who knits, crochets or sews for us.
This year (2023) we have sent blankets to
Africa, Ukraine, Turkey and Syria.
Our next blankets will be going to Ukraine next week.
Thank you for the time and effort you put into making this possible.

PAX CHRISTI

YOU ARE WELCOME TO OUR MEETING THURSDAY MAY 11TH, 2PM AT THE PRESBYTERY