

PEACE THOUGHTS

TRIBUTE TO A MUCH-OVERLOOKED SAINT - MARY MAGDALENE
Feast Day 22/7 by Sr. Joan Chittister OSB

In St. John's gospel, it is Mary Magdalene to whom Jesus first appears, after the resurrection, telling her to, 'go and tell the others.' He commissions her to proclaim the Easter message to them; but as scripture says, 'they did not believe her.' Two thousand years later, little or nothing has changed. The voice of women proclaiming the presence of Christ goes largely unconfirmed, un-noted and frequently disdained. Yet, Mary Magdalene is truly a powerful icon for our times. She calls women to listen to the call of the Christ and she calls men to listen for the call of the Christ in the messages of women. She calls women to courage and men to humility. She calls all of us to faith and fortitude, to unity and universalism, to a Christianity that rises above sexism, a religion that transcends the idolatry of maleness, and a commitment to the things of God that surmounts every obstacle and surpasses every system. Mary Magdalene is a shining light of hope, a disciple of Christ, a model of the wholeness of life, in a world whose name is despair and in a Church whose vision is yet still, even now, partial.

Jesus protected women; empowered women; honoured women publicly; released the voice of women; confided in women; was funded by women; celebrated women by name; learned from women; respected women and spoke of women as examples to follow. NOW IT'S OUR TURN!

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

SUNDAY 9.00pm C4: OUR GUY IN COLOMBIA

Can one of the most beautiful and biodiverse countries escape its long history of drugs and violence?

MONDAY 9.00pm BBC2: EARTH: SNOWBALL

Looks at how Earth became almost completely frozen over, with the survival of life hanging in the balance.

TUESDAY 9.00pm ITV1: ELECTRIC CARS:

WHAT THEY MEAN TO YOU

Are electric cars a viable option for the future?

THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: DIRECT ACTION:

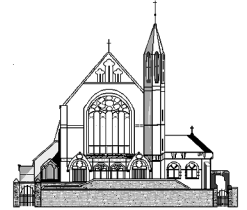
SHOULD IT BE STOPPED?

From protests at the Grand National to Just Stop Oil, direct action is becoming everyday news. What are the alternatives to the disruption caused?



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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 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS

Matt 13: 23-40

"Wait 'til I get you home and tell your Mum," says Dad. The accused, in front of a magistrate who has power to condemn or acquit is in awe of the decision they wait to hear.

Some people have the gift of forgiveness but still must decide, from that powerful position, to accuse or not. It is that kind of power that Wisdom says is God's right. Lenient, mild and patient are the qualities of our powerful God.

"No!", said the owner when the obvious solution meant that we should be rid of the weeds. Jesus is teaching us that the power of God is patient, perhaps because God knows we are all a complicated mixture of good and bad. We are taught a lesson that we must be kind to our fellows when in the powerful position of being the one who might forgive.



REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Pat Harnett, Catherine McGuffie, Billy Rudkin,
Keith Rowan, Pat Forsyth
and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

PASTORAL PLAN

Deanery Synodal Council

<http://liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk>

The Deanery agenda includes:

A meeting for Catechists working with children

Exploration of "Families of parishes"

Ways that local Deanery councils could also be Archdiocesan.

Watch this space.

Pax Christi

Commemoration of August 6th Hiroshima Day at the
Peace Gardens 11am organised by Merseyside CND

Wednesday 9th August

Stall at the Anglican Cathedral

to promote the Nuclear Ban Treaty

Paper Crane folding and sharing the story of Sadako

Organised by Pax Christi

THE IRISH CENTRE

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

MONEY MATTERS

The SVP is the way our parishioners can donate to create a sum of money so we can assist families in difficulties. We have a monthly opportunity to contribute. Please prepare to be part of the chance to keep company with folk who get into trouble.

The Parish Collection is the way we pay our bills.

Post COVID we have established the collection taken during Mass at the Offertory.

FUNERALS

Catherine McGuffie Tues 25th 12noon St Michael

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Liturgy Group **Mon 11th Sept**

Local Council of Churches **Tues 12th Sept**

Faith in Action Group **Wed 13th Sept**

Children's Liturgy catechists **Sept**

Interested?

Come along and be part of the community.

IRENAEUS AND OUR PARISH

July 19th 7.00pm.

Last Wednesday evening a number of parishioners came together to think about the development of parish life. Some decisions were made for immediate action and other ideas were chosen for plans over the next twelve months.

Have you any enthusiasm for the future of our parish?

Come and join in!

IRENAEUS, Great St. Georges Street in Waterloo is a place for adult education in the faith. Do think of finding out more about the place and consider a visit, in person or on line, to help develop this work further.

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OUR SCHOOLS

Year 6 are the leavers in both our junior schools. As they left, among celebrations and certificates, the parents and the teachers were proud of the youngsters. These young people, at this important moment of their lives, are a source of hope in a time of little optimism. Well done families and school!

Please keep in your prayers all those involved in our

Home, School, Parish partnership.

THANKS to all the staff in our schools.