

PEACE THOUGHTS

Whether you're afraid of what the crowd might say or you're afraid of losing your friends or you're the only one against a million people or you're being pressured on every side, God still believes that you must stand up against injustice. Neutrality is connivance with evil.
There's no middle ground.

'Nothing strengthens authority so much as silence.'
Leonardo da Vinci

'If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse, and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality.'
Desmond Tutu

'If I were to remain silent, I'd be guilty of complicity.'
Albert Einstein

'Never be afraid to raise your voice for honesty and truth and compassion against injustice and lying and greed. If people all over the world would do this, it would change the earth.'
William Faulkner

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

MONDAY 9.00pm BBC2: UNION: THE TWO NATIONS

David Olusoga explains the power of class in 19th- century Britain.

TUESDAY 9.00pm BBC1: BRITAIN'S HOUSING CRISIS

Uncovers the roots of the housing UK crisis and whose decisions led us to it.

THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: SHOPLIFTING: BATTLE FOR THE HIGH STREET

Investigates the rise in shoplifting which has more than doubled in three years. Why are thieves becoming more brazen and what can we do to stop it?

THURSDAY 9.0pm ITV1: PRIDE OF BRITAIN: WINDRUSH SPECIAL

Between 1948 and 1971 more than 500,000 people left the West Indies to find a home in the UK and work in the NHS and on public transport. To mark the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the Emperor Windrush members of the Windrush generation share their experiences and their struggle to gain British citizenship in what came to be known as the Windrush scandal.



THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART

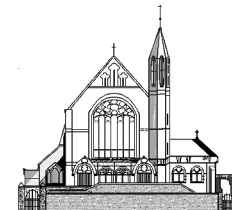
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Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



14th-15th Oct 2023 28th Sunday Yr.A p.140

MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

Funeral 12noon Vic Madden Sacred Heart

Wednesday Funeral Julia Davies 12noon St Michael

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS Matt. 22; 1-14

There are so many ways that we settle for the comfort we find among friends, family and like-minded people. Such ease is a hint of something very essential, but a danger lurks! Those who exist beyond our immediate groups and unknown often feel uncomfortable to us. The gap between cliques is ripe space for fear and enmity. This lack of security is the seed bed of violence.

According to Matthew, Jesus' story is a warning to righteous people. God's plan, described as a party or feast, is first for a particular people. Being chosen and invited comes with a temptation of feeling superior. But God reveals that everyone on the streets are to be included. The solution is what Jesus was living and teaching - the Kingdom.

God loves everyone and everyone is welcome at his table. Is it our job to go out and invite everyone to that table? Comfort with God would leave nobody out: this is essential.



REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Rita Templeman, Vic Madden, Julia Davies,
Catherine Vaughan, Billy Travers, Irene Bennett
And all our family and friends who have gone before us.

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 flourish.**
6. Becoming a church **that cares for its priests.**

BAPTISM

Preparation for Baptism will consist of visits to Mass,
attending two meetings with Catechists then settling on a date
that suits the family and the parish priest.

Baptism in our parish is for families that live in the parish
and children who attend our schools.

Our next Baptism meetings

Monday 23rd October & 6th November.

For more information ring 0151 263 6578 and leave a message.

WITH YOU ALWAYS Presentation Mass

The 1st Communion session for Reconciliation
is Tuesday, 17th Oct 5.30pm in the Irish Centre
This programme is full for this year.

Red Mission Boxes

Please bring your red mission boxes to church
Thankyou in anticipation.

Pax Christi Meeting

November 9th 2023 at 2pm
St Michaels Parish Rooms , Horne Street
Come and be part of our peace planning .

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Parish Forum **Wednesday 18th Oct 7.pm**
1st Comm W.Y.A. programme is **under way**
Justice/Faith in Action **Wednesday 25th October**
Pax Christi **Thursday 9th Nov**
Interested? Come along
and be part of the community.

IRENÆUS AND OUR PARISH

'The Shaping of Things to Come:'

Reflecting on the Life and Ministries of our Parishes.'

A number of parishioners attended this course. It helped us think
about what kind of church we currently are and what kind of parish
we want to become. We discussed what the character of our world
is and what the good news might mean for people today.

THE TABLET

The parish has committed to two copies of the TABLET each week.
If a few parishioners would promise us £5 per month
for this weekly £5 magazine we could share costs
as well as a good read.

JUSTICE/FAITH IN ACTION GROUP

WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 5.30PM, ST. MICHAEL'S ROOMS

If you are interested in exploring international and local justice
issues in the light of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching, then
please join us. How, when confronted with the issues of our day,
can we work together to put our faith into action? All are welcome!

COST OF LIVING CRISIS

Pope Francis has published a letter for all the world to see on
the feast of St Francis of Assisi, 4th October.

It is about poverty and inequality in the global family.
Please find it on the internet and tell another person about it.
Here in Liverpool the local 'Churches Together' are inviting you
to reflect on this crisis,