PEACE THOUGHTS

AN ADVENT PRAYER

Come Lord!

Do not smile and say you are already with us. Millions do not know you and to us who do, what is the difference? What is the point of your presence if our lives do not alter? Change our lives, shatter our complacency. Make your Word flesh of our flesh, blood of our blood and our life's purpose. Take away the quietness of a clear conscience. Press us uncomfortably. For only thus that other peace is made, your peace. MARANATHA! COME, LORD JESUS, COME!

Dom Helder Camara

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

Check out ALJAZEERA NEWS as a companion to the other coverage that is being shared on the Israel/Gaza war. There is much to learn! ALJAZEERA ENGLISH-Freeview 235, Sky 513 & 880 & Virgin Media 622.

MONDAY 8.00pm BBC1: THE WATER POLLUTION COVER-UP

Report on the huge quantities of sewage dumped into our rivers every year.

TUESDAY 9.00pm BBC2: LOUIS THEROUX INTERVIEWS

Chelsea Manning, one of the most polarising figures in the US, Iraq whistle-blower and activist, reveals what drove her to risk everything to make the information public as well as the impact on her life since.

WEDNESDAY 9.00pm SKY DOCS: OPPENHEIMER & THE ATOMIC BOMB

The true story of J. Robert Oppenheimer and his journey from an ambitious scientist to a man tormented by his actions.

THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: CUTTING THE COST OF CHRISTMAS

Priceless tips on how to celebrate Christmas on a budget.

THURSDAY 9.00pm BBC2: DISAPPEARED: MEXICO'S MISSING 43

In September 2014, a group of students were attacked on their way to a protest in Mexico City, never to be seen again. What happened to them?

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THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART

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MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart Eucharistic Service 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 Mark 13;33-37

"Wait 'til dad comes in, I'll tell on you." Waiting: do you like waiting? Are you impatient when a job is not finished? Do you need a deadline to nudge you to be ready?

Our readings for Advent are about being alert. We have homework to do and we should be active. God in Jesus has completed the task. All are reconciled in the loving God's creative love.

So it is our job to <u>know</u> this truth, to <u>love</u> God in return and to <u>serve</u> God by revealing this amazing activity of our Creator. Will God find us actively at work Knowing, Loving and Serving Jesus for, and among all others.



REMEMBERED ... during Mass

Brenda Clew, Kristina Baverstock, Annie Greenwood Daniel Gibbons, Nicholas Wilde, Michael Youell and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

ADVENT - 'Walk With Me'

This Sunday is the beginning of Advent. To support you in your Advent journey there are booklets which feature readings, reflections and prayer for each day of this special season. Cost £1.

ADVENT CANDLE

A candle is to visit each of the local Churches during Advent. It is to be a sign of the unity and differences of local Christian churches.

SEND A MESSAGE OF HOPE THIS ADVENT

Last week, a small group gathered to address Christmas cards to Prisoners of Conscience. It was very moving to learn about each prisoner and pray for them.

These cards are being distributed at the Masses this weekend. Please note that there is information about the prisoner in each envelope with suggested greetings and other instructions. Please follow them carefully.

DO NOT POST THE SHEET. ONLY SEND THE CARD.

Find out the cost of postage and send as soon as possible. Thank you for bringing a message of hope to those who wait for justice this Advent.

<u>'WITH YOU ALWAYS'</u> (1st Communion Preparation)

After introducing the young ones to the Sacrament of Reconciliation there is a Family Mass this weekend 2nd/3rd Dec. Please welcome the families at mass as we simplify the liturgy.

PASTORAL PLAN - DEANERY NEWS

The Deanery Synodal Council has been working on the concept of 'Families of Parishes' and met with other deaneries at the end of November. Things are developing!

IRISH CENTRE - CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

There is a very full programme of events and activities during the month of December. These include wreathmaking, parties, a pensioners' Christmas dinner, coffee mornings, a tea dance, and musical shows. Details at <u>www.liverpoolirishcentre.org</u> <u>Tel.No. 0151] 263 1808</u>

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

1st Comm W.Y.A. programme is under way. Sacred Heart Heart School Governors Tues. 5th Dec. Eucharistic Ministers Wed 6th Dec 7.30pm

St Michael School Governors Tues. 12th Dec. Justice/Faith in Action Group 13th Dec. 5.30pm Pax Christi 14th Dec. 2.00pm Interested? Come along or phone 263 6578.

PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

On Tuesdays, 9.00am - 12.00pm. in St. Michael's Church. Please drop into church for a short while to pray for those who are suffering because of war in the Middle East and Ukraine, and light a candle for peace.

PARISH FORUM

The Forum is our parish working for collaborative ministry. 10th Jan

JUSTICE/FAITH IN ACTION GROUP

13th Dec. 5.30pm

PAX CHRISTI

14th Dec. 4.00pm

COST OF LIVING CRISIS

Pope Francis published a letter to the world 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. Don't be alone with money worries, there is help out there. Citizens Advice Bureau 0300 330 1196 Kensington Fields Community Centre 0151 708 9107 BIG HELP Boaler Street 0808 275 9931 Join a Credit Union!

TIME OUT ON TUESDAYS

An opportunity to spend some quiet time away from the busyness of life at The Cenacle , Lance Lane, Liverpool,15 on Saturday 25 November and Tuesday 12th December Booking 0151 722 2271