

PEACE THOUGHTS

AN ADVENT PRAYER

'Advent invites us to a commitment, to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world. It is the desire of many people tormented by hunger, by injustice and by war. It is the desire of the poor, the weak, the abandoned. This is a favourable time to open our hearts, to ask ourselves concrete questions about how and for whom we expend our lives.'

Pope Francis

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparation for Christmas.

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice.
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your Kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking your light. To you we say, 'Come, Lord Jesus'. Amen.

Henri Nouwen

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, Virgin Media 622.

TUESDAY 9.00pm C4: LESS FOR MORE: TRUTH ABOUT FOOD PRICES

Examines Britain's soaring food prices, revealing how supermarkets and suppliers have reacted to protect their profits; asks why prices have risen the most on budget lines and how loyalty card discounts are really funded.

THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: GETTING CHRISTMAS DELIVERED

In 2022, Britons spent £20 billion on Christmas presents and did a third of their shopping online. How will the UK's postal system face up to another demanding festive season?

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?
The investigation continues.

THURSDAY 9.00pm MORE 4: ANN FRANK: HER SECRET DIARY

Documentary marking 80 years since Anne Frank wrote her diary.

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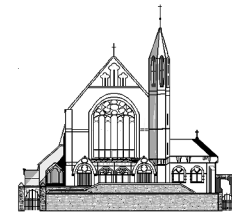
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Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



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MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart

Thursday 12noon Sacred Heart Funeral Daniel Gibbons

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS Mark 1; 1-8

"If I knew you were coming I'd have baked a cake."

If a visitor arrives without us knowing, that might be impolite. If someone comes unexpected and demanding that could be seen as threatening. Some one who loves you would feel a shared delight by having you anticipate their arrival and make a fuss of their coming.

God is so generous and has sent a message so we are not caught out or embarrassed. John the Baptist and Isaiah are announcing to the whole of history, the Lord is on the way.

We must work out how to be welcoming. What might we do to meet our loving, lifegiving Creator?



REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Brenda Clew, Kristina Baverstock, Annie Greenwood
Gary Walsh, Daniel Gibbons, Thomas Leigh
and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

ADVENT CANDLE

As well as our Advent wreath candles, another
Candle, of various colours, 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 who work together .

HAVE YOU SENT A MESSAGE OF HOPE THIS ADVENT?

It was very moving to learn about each Prisoner of Conscience
and pray for them. Cards were distributed at the Masses last
weekend. Please note that there is information about the prisoner in
each envelope with suggested greetings and other instructions.

DID YOU POST THE CARD?

Please 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.

'PASTORAL PLAN - FRESH DEANERY NEWS

The Deanery Synodal Council has been working on the concept of
'Families of Parishes'. Discussions are happening to discover any links
that already exist between neighbouring communities.

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 www.liverpoolirishcentre.org Tel.No. 0151] 263 1808

PAX CHRISTI

Meets this Thursday 2pm in the Parish Rooms

Our last meeting of 2023 !

Help us plan for 2024

Festive food from 1.30pm

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

Why not have a look at

Cafod ideas for Christmas gifts this year ?

For a small donation you can purchase seeds for a family ,
basic hygiene equipment, school pencils etc. which can
make a difference . Check out the catalogue in church.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

1st Comm W.Y.A. programme is under way.

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

Wednesday, 13th December, 5.30pm in St. Michael's Parish Rooms.

DECEMBER CATHOLIC 'PIC'

Pick up the Catholic Pictorial for December as you leave church today
Lots of interesting stuff to read about regarding our local schools

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