

## ADVENT PEACE THOUGHTS

*'It is not insignificant that Mary, Queen of Peace, is also Mary of Nazareth and not Mary of Jerusalem, or Mary of Caesarea.*

*The most significant woman of all time came from one of the area's most insignificant of places.*

*Mary made nothingness visible.*

*It takes a lot of human growing to find value in the valueless— in small places and simple things and powerless people.*

*But, that is the basis for peace, both inside of us and in the world around us.'*

*'In Mary grew the vision that made her open to the Incarnation; in Mary grew the image of the strong and independent woman; in Mary grew the Christ who changed the lives of all of us.*

*Mary is the woman whose commitment and courage saved the world from self-centeredness.*

*Sr. Joan Chittister*

## WORTH WATCHING

Do watch ALJAZEERA NEWS as a companion to the other coverage that is being shared on the Israel/Gaza war. There is much to learn!

### MONDAY 7.00pm BBC4: SONGS OF EARTH: STORYVILLE

Follows an 84-year-old father as he hikes, during all four seasons, through the magnificent scenery of western Norway, and reflects on his life and how it has been shaped by the landscape.

### MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 8.00pm BBC4: ROYAL INSTITUTION CHRIST-MAS LECTURES

Over three nights, Professor Michael Wooldridge explains, in simple terms, the impact of AI (artificial intelligence) on our lives and the future potential of this technology, which he believes, will continue to transform the world.

### TUESDAY-THURSDAY 7.00pm BBC4: EARTH'S TROPICAL ISLANDS

Discover nature's wonders in the stunning locations of Madagascar, Borneo and Hawaii.

### THURSDAY 9.00pm BBC2: RESPECT

Musical biopic of Aretha Franklin who was determined to carve her own future despite others trying to control her career.

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## **THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART**

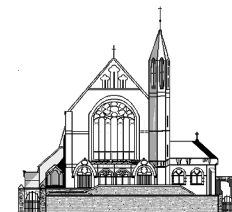
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## **MASS TIMES**

**Christmas Eve Sunday 7.00pm Sacred Heart (Children)**

**Christmas 'Midnight Mass' 11.00pm St Michael**

**Christmas Morning Monday 10.30am St Michael**

**Feast of the Holy Innocents**

**Thursday 7.00pm St Michael**

**Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart**

**Sunday 10.30am St Michael**

## **GOSPEL THOUGHTS Luke 1: 26-38**

Home and family are essential for life and to develop as mature adults. Comfort and confidence is the right atmosphere for every human being. The experience of relationships and friendship is the correct 'soil' for healthy life. We will only thrive in the warmth of life shared.

Wherever we share our life, that is the place where God is and is revealed. The church gives us this prayer; "May we share the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share our humanity". The Creator loves all creation and desires to share the Creator's life with the beloved.

A young woman dared to agree to let God come through her to all humanity. We have God for company; revealed as friend and family. Like Mary, the model of the Church, we are all invited to "conceive" and reveal God in our attitudes and actions.



**REMEMBERED**  
**...during Mass**

Joe Riley, Patsy Sinnott, Daniel Gibbons,  
Marion Walsh, Brenda Clew, Dave Hughes.  
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 visiting each of  
the local Churches and the Assisi Academy during Advent.  
It is to be a sign of the unity and differences  
of local Christian churches and the major religions.

**'PASTORAL PLAN - 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](http://www.liverpoolirishcentre.org) Tel. No. 0151 263 1808

**PAX CHRISTI**

Our next meeting - 2pm in the Parish Rooms, Thursday 11th January.  
Help us plan for 2024.

**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.

**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!**

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

*Christmas Eve, Children's Vigil Mass Sunday 7.00pm*  
*Sacred Heart*  
*Christmas 'Midnight Mass' Sunday 11.00pm*  
*St Michael's*  
*Christmas Morning Mass, Monday 10.30am*  
*St Michael's*

**Come along and join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus!!**

**THE UNREHEARSED NATIVITY**

Please come and join us on **Christmas Eve at 7pm for**  
**The Children's Vigil Mass.**  
This year we are asking adults and children to take part in our  
'Unrehearsed Nativity'  
Help us to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

**PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND**

**On Tuesdays, 9.00am - 12.00pm. in St. Michael's Church.**  
Please drop in to 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.

**PRAY FOR PEACE**

Please remember those experiencing unspeakable suffering this Christ-  
mas because of war and conflict especially our brothers and sisters in  
Gaza/Israel, Sudan and Ukraine by visiting Our Lady's altar.

**JESUS IN THE RUBBLE**

is a prayer focus that mirrors this year's crib scene in the Lutheran  
Church in Bethlehem, emphasising the reality that if Jesus were born  
today, it would likely be amidst the horror and devastation of war.  
Please light a candle and pray for peace!

**FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

During Mass on Thursday, 28th December at 7.00pm,  
please join us to pray for today's Holy Innocents and for peace.

**PARISH FORUM**

The Forum is our parish working for collaborative ministry.  
This takes place on 10th Jan '24.