

PEACE THOUGHTS

A FRANCISCAN BENEDICTION: CHALLENGE AND CHOICE!

May God bless us with discomfort - at easy answers,
half-truths, and superficial relationships,

so that we may live from deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression,
and exploitation of God's creations so that we may work
for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer pain,
rejection, hunger and war, so that we may reach out our hands
to comfort them and turn their pain into joy
(in whatever way we can).

And may God bless us with just enough foolishness
to believe that we can make a difference in this world;
so that we can do what others claim cannot be done:
to bring justice and kindness to all children
and to all our neighbours who are poor.
Amen.

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

Thought-provoking and challenging coverage of world news and related
issues, including the Israel/Gaza war. Do watch ALJAZEERA NEWS!
There is much to learn!

SUNDAY 9.00pm BBC2: WILDERNESS WITH SIMON REEVES

Travels through the remote and stunning landscape of Patagonia in South
America looking at the climate and ecosystems there.

MONDAY 9.00pm BBC2: PUTIN VERSUS THE WEST: AT WAR

How has Russia's invasion of Ukraine rocked the foundations of European
security? Continues next week.

TUESDAY 10.00pm BBC4: ESCAPE FROM NORTH KOREA

Describes life under the North Korean dictatorship and follows
individuals as they attempt to flee at the risk of being caught, and
subsequently punished.

TUESDAY 11.00pm W: FACE-TO-FACE WITH THE ARMS DEALERS

Stacey Dooley questions arms dealers who sell high-grade weapons to
over one hundred countries.

THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: WHO CARE FOR OUR CARERS?

In England and Wales, unpaid carers provide care worth £162bn per year.
What is the personal cost to those with the responsibility of caring for
others?

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THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART

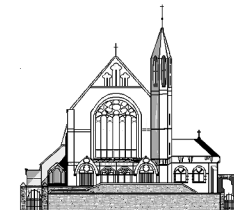
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Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



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MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS

Mark 1:21-28

'May I have your attention please,' might be the attempt
of someone with important instructions to keep you safe.
Another person who wants you to be wise, might say, 'Are you
listening to me?' These are the cries of those who love us; who
have our best in mind.

Through the words of Moses and especially Jesus' words,
decisions and actions, God, who has our best in mind, is calling
for our attention. With wisdom, and love of us, God's commands
keep coming to each
moment of history.

In this moment, our
life time, it is our turn, all
the baptised, to listen and
speak our God's guide lines.
The 'church', all of us, are
to listen and receive the
wisdom of the Creator then
speak to all creatures. Let's
pay attention and make all
our decision God's wisdom
for our time.



REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Peter Nicholson, Raymond Evans
Patricia Ogg, Marion Walsh
and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

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!

Next meeting Thursday 3rd February

FOOD AT THE PARISH DOOR

We are getting low, but the demand is constant.
Your response has been very generous.
Ring pull cans with a whole meal.
Pasta, noodles and tinned tomatoes too.
Thank you for your generous response.

'AND WE'RE OFF!'

There is a series of four Thursday morning sessions
10.30am-12n00n (8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th February)
taking a look at Mark's Gospel at the Irenaeus Centre,
32 Great Georges Rd. in Waterloo L22 1RD.
For more information, contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

Don't be alone with debt !

Citizens Advice Bureau 0300 330 1196
Kensington Fields Community Centre 0151 708 9107
BIG HELP Boaler Street 0808 275 9931
Join a Credit Union!

CALLING ALL YEAR 8 PUPILS

If you are in Year 8 and want to be confirmed, you will need to Register your interest (before 15th March) on the archdiocesan website: www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk where you will find information about the programme and what happens next.

If you know of a young Catholic who does not attend a Catholic high school, please share this info. with them.

FEBRUARY 2024

1st Communion Programme W.Y.A.

Session with Children Tues 30th Jan 5.30pm Irish Centre

Church Unity Meeting

Tuesday 30th Jan at SFX

SVP Meeting

Wednesday 31st Jan St. Anne's at 7.30pm

Baptism Preparation 2nd Session

Monday, 5th Feb 7.30pm at St. Michael's

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Thurs 8th Feb 2.00pm Horne Street

Faith in Action Group

Wednesday 21st Feb 5.30pm St. Michael's

Liturgy Group Meeting

Monday 26th Feb 7.30pm St. Michael's

WYA

Session with Children Tues 27th Feb Irish Centre.

PARISH FORUM

At the meeting on 10th January, topics such as refurbishment of the meeting room, how we can support various ministries, moving forward from our Irenaeus day away, DBSs for our volunteer parishioners.
If you feel you could help or have comments to make on any of these items do speak to a Forum member.

PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

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

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 and light a candle for peace.

St Vincent's Parish L1 5JN invite you to their Church
6.00pm 2nd February to pray for peace

'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!