

## CHRISTMAS PEACE THOUGHTS

'We need Christmas more than ever this year — not in spite of injustice but because of it. We need the incarnation of Love in our midst. We need the Prince of Peace to arrive in our world, in our country, in our justice system and in our own hearts.'

**Sarah Theborge, No Justice, No Christmas?**

'It's tempting to turn Christmas into a safe holiday that asks little of us, but that would ignore the prophetic, subversive life of Jesus. Christians honour him on this holiday — and the rest of the year? Only if we risk the scorn of the powerful to stand with the undocumented immigrant, the Muslim family viewed with suspicion, the refugee fleeing injustice.'

**John Gehring, Why Christmas is Radical**

The Christian challenge of Christmas is this: justice is what happens when all receive a fair share of God's world and only such distributive justice can establish peace on earth.

**John Dominic Crossan The Challenge of Christmas,**

## 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 8.00pm BBC1: ATTENBOROUGH & THE GIANT SEA MONSTER

The renowned naturalist joins a team of fossil hunters determined to excavate a giant skull from a Dorset cliff face.

### MONDAY-THURSDAY 9.00pm ITV1: MR. BATES V THE POST OFFICE

With the new Post Office accounting system, Horizon in place, money started to go missing. Staff were accused, yet they had not misplaced a penny. This drama is based on the Post Office workers' struggle for justice.

### TUESDAY 9.10pm BBC4: LATEST SECRETS OF HIEROGLYPHS

Explores the latest research into the creation of the ancient Egyptians' written language and offers insights into the beliefs and lives of those who created the ancient tomb.

### THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: CAN YOUR DIET DEFEAT AGEING?

If it's true that we are what we eat then what should we be consuming to age well and enter later life looking and feeling as good as possible.

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

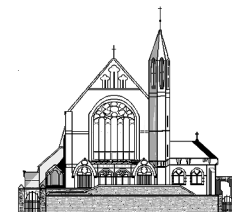
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Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



**30th/31st Dec '23 Feast of the Holy Family Yr B Page 90**

## MASS TIMES

**Tuesday 9.30am St Michael**

**Wednesday 12noon Funeral Service Joe Riley St Michael**

**Thursday 7.00pm St Michael**

**Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart**

**Sunday 10.30am St Michael**

## GOSPEL THOUGHTS Luke 2: 22-40

Families are places of happiness and trouble, a combination of all kinds of emotions. We must be kind and forgive each other as the Lord has forgiven us. 'Annoyed by children continuously playing games on the phone' or 'siblings arguing'; the family makes peace after trouble; it's then that we love each other even more.

Home and family are essential for life and for us to develop into 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 where God is revealed. The church is intended to be a family; a community to inspire the global family.



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

Joe Riley, Patsy Sinnott, Daniel Gibbons,  
Marion Walsh, Owen Mitchell, Brenda Clew  
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!

**IRISH CENTRE - CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME**

There is a very full programme of events and activities during the month of December. These include wreath-making, 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!**

# **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**JANUARY 2024**

**Baptism**

Ainsworth family Sat 13th 12.30pm St Michael

**Funerals**

Joe Riley Wed. 3rd 12noon St Michael

Owen Mitchell Wed 10th 12noon Sacred Heart

Marion Walsh Mon 15th 12noon St Michael

**Parish Forum**

Wed 10th 7.00pm St Michael

**1st Communion Programme W.Y.A.**

Parents only Tues 16th 5.30pm Irish Centre

Session with Children Tues 30th 5.30pm Irish Centre

**Pax Christi**

Thurs 11th 2.00pm Horne Street

**Faith in Action**

Wed 24th 5.30pm Horne Street

**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 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!

**PARISH FORUM**

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