

## CHRISTMAS PEACE THOUGHTS

### AN EPIPHANY PRAYER

'Beckoning God,  
who called the rich to travel towards poverty,  
the wise to embrace their folly and the powerful to know their frailty;  
who gave to strangers a sense of homecoming in an alien land  
and to stargazers true light and vision as they bowed to earth  
we now lay ourselves open, in our own times, to your signs for us.

Stir us up with holy discontent over a world,  
which gives its gifts to those who have plenty already,  
whose talents are obvious, and whose power is recognised.  
Help us to share our resources with those who have little  
and to receive with humility the gifts they bring to us.

Rise within us, like a star and make us restless  
until we journey forth to seek our rest in you.

Amen.

Kate Compston

### TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

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 C4:

##### UNDERCOVER DOCTOR: SECRETS OF YOUR BIG SHOP

Doctor Michael Mosley explores the state of the nation's health by  
looking at how our supermarket purchases affect our physical  
well-being.

#### TUESDAY 10.45pm ITV1:

##### MR. BATES v THE POST OFFICE: THE REAL STORY

Following the recent real-life drama, this documentary chronicles one  
of the greatest miscarriages- of-justice in British legal history.

#### THURSDAY 8.00pm C5: LOYALTY CARDS: ARE THEY A CON?

Explores the pros and cons of loyalty cards and asks whether they save  
consumers money. It also considers the possibility that supermarkets  
could be inflating prices only to later discount them.

#### THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1:

##### PHARMACIES: THE NEW NHS FRONTLINE?

With the Government asking pharmacies to do more to ease the  
pressure on the NHS, yet with an average of eight closing each week,  
what does the future hold for the nations pharmacies

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

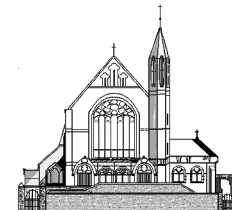
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Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



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### **MASS TIMES**

**Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart**

**Tuesday 9.30am St Michael**

**Wed 12noon Funeral Mass Keith Mitchell Sacred Heart**

**Thursday 7.00pm St Michael**

**Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart**

**Sunday 10.30am St Michael**

### **GOSPEL THOUGHTS**

#### **Matt 2: 1-12**



While it is still dark in the  
mornings the first light in the  
house can be startling but is  
necessary. Some people will  
rejoice but others might hate  
being exposed.

Wise people delighted and  
worked to be part of the  
occasion and celebrated.  
Powerful people felt  
threatened and even used  
violence to destroy the  
occasion.

Are we willing to be  
exposed and challenged or do  
we feel threatened and refuse  
to move on and work?

God's goodness is revealed and has appeared and is to be a  
light for the nations. We are called to be that light.

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

Joe Riley, Daniel Gibbons,  
Marion Walsh, Owen Mitchell, Tom Cullinan  
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!

**PAX CHRISTI**

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

**PEACE SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, 14th January, is Peace Sunday. This year, the theme chosen by Pope Francis is, 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. You can read his message for the 57th World Day of Peace, along with other resources, on the Pax Christi website:

**www.paxchristi.org.uk**  
or pick up a copy from the back of church.

**Peace Sunday Lecture**

You are warmly invited to the Archdiocesan Peace Lecture next Sunday, Peace Sunday, January 14th.

The challenge of being nonviolent in a violent world  
Andrew Jackson of Pax Christi will give the lecture.

Refreshments 1pm and talk 1.30pm  
Gibberd Room

Pax Christi will be with other groups  
to have a stall and display.

**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!**

# **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**JANUARY 2024**

**Baptism**

Ainsworth family Sat 13th 12.30pm St Michael

**Funerals**

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

**PARISH FORUM**

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

**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!