

## PEACE THOUGHTS

After 27 years in prison for his activism against the white apartheid government of South Africa, Nelson Mandela was finally freed on this day, 11th February 1990, at the age of 71. A wasted life, you might say? Hardly! Every day that Nelson Mandela sat in a government jail cell, the world outside of that cell was fired by his conviction and his courage. Unable to do anything himself because he was in prison, Mandela began an entire movement that could not be stopped. He

turned frozen hearts into burning heat!

WHAT FIRES ARE WE LIGHTING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION?

From 'A Monastery Almanac', by Sr. Joan Chittister

*'What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived, it is what difference we have made to the lives of others.'*

*'Peace is not just the absence of conflict; peace is the creation of an environment where all can flourish, regardless of race, colour, creed, religion, gender, class, caste, or any other social markers of difference. Religion, ethnicity, language, social and cultural practices are elements which enrich human civilization, adding to the wealth of our diversity.'*

*Why should these be allowed to become a cause of division and violence? We demean our common humanity by allowing that to happen.'*

*'It is in your hands, to make a better world for all who live in it... in any way you can.'*

Nelson Mandela Quotes

## TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

### AL JAZEERA NEWS!

Thought-provoking and challenging coverage of world news!

**SUNDAY 11.30pm BBC1: SELMA** Drama based on the true story of the civil rights movement and Martin Luther King's non-violent protests in the struggle for equality in 60's USA.

**MONDAY 8.00pm BBC1: ALZHEIMER'S: A TURNING POINT**  
Could two new drugs be the breakthrough needed to combat the disease?

**THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: BRITAIN'S SKILLS SHORTAGE: BUILDERS** With Britain needing more than a million new recruits in trades and construction over the next decade, this report explores the nation's skills gap.

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

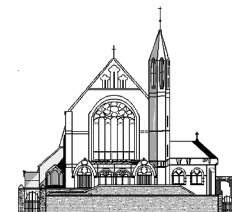
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**Ash Wednesday and LENT**

## **MASS TIMES**

**Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart**

**Tuesday Funeral Gladys Gannon 12noon Sacred Heart**

**Ash Wednesday Funeral Helen Seddon 12noon St Michael**  
**and Sacred Heart 7.00pm**

**Thursday 7.00pm St Michael**

**Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart**

**Sunday 10.30am St Michael**

## **GOSPEL THOUGHTS**

**Mark 1:40-45**

'Caring and sharing,' shout the youngsters when asked what God want us to do.

To care and share with us God first became one of us to be close to us. Jesus is that event and strategy. This plan has him not simply preaching in church (the synagogue) but reaching out to lepers on the roadside.

'Mind you say nothing to any one,' he said. This scheme of God's is not about his own reputation or fame, but about the joy of the healed one.

So what do Christians need to do to be like Christ? First be close, then be aware of doing things outside of church - looking out for the outcasts. Help to share God's love today, so we may live as Christ!



## **REMEMBERED**

**...during Mass**

Gladys Gannon, Raymond Evans, Helen Seddon,  
Gerry Wharton, Patricia Ogg,  
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'. We are to keep company with parishes around us and rediscover some of the ways and events we can do together e.g. a novena here and our SVP somewhere else; stations of the cross there and feeding the hungry somewhere else. Perhaps checking mass times for Sunday. Some links already exist between neighbouring communities.

**Things are developing!**

## **ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT**

You can receive your ashes in church  
or on the march through town. c.f. opposite page.  
'A Journey of Prayer' for Lent is available  
£1 for a bible passage and a prayer for every day of Lent.

## **'AND WE'RE OFF!'**

There is a series of four Thursday morning sessions  
**10.30am-12noon (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](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)

## **CALLING ALL YEAR 8 PUPILS**

If you are in Year 8 and want to be confirmed, you will need to register your interest (before 15<sup>th</sup> March) on the archdiocesan website: [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://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.

**CATHOLIC PIC FEBRUARY EDITION NOW AVAILABLE**  
**AS YOU LEAVE CHURCH**

## **FEBRUARY 2024**

**SVP (keeping company with others)**  
Wednesday 14th February 7.30pm

**Faith in Action Group**  
Wednesday 21st Feb 5.30pm St. Michael's

**Liturgy Group Meeting**  
Monday 26th Feb 7.30pm St. Michael's

**W.Y.A** 1st Communion preparation  
Session with Children Tues 27th Feb Irish Centre.

**Baptism Programme**  
Session 1 - 8th April 7.30pm at St. Michael's

## **Disarming the Heart**

### **A Liturgy of Repentance for the Nuclear Age**

Nuclear weapons are one of the most urgent challenges  
to life on our planet.

Join Pax Christi this **Ash Wednesday Feb 14th** as we walk  
together for peace and pledge to work for a more peaceful world.  
Liturgy and distribution of ashes

Meet 1.15pm at St Luke's, Berry Street (bombed church)

## **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.

Also

**St. Patrick's Church L8 5RA, Thursday, 15th February, 6.00pm.**

Some of our parishioners have been joining together in these powerful and moving weekly Vigils of Prayer 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!