PEACE THOUGHTS

Our times are such that they demand each of us finds the prophet that is deep within. We are called to uncommon courage in our broken times. Prophets are those who are willing to speak the truth to a culture of lies; those who say no to everything that is not of God. No to the abuse of women. No to the rejection of the stranger. No to crimes against immigrants. No to the rape of the trees. No to the pollution of the skies. No to the poisoning of the oceans. No to the despicable destruction of humankind for the sake of more wealth, more power, more control for a few. No to death. But the prophet also says yes as well: Yes, to equal rights for all. Yes, to alleviating suffering. Yes to embracing the different. Yes to who God made you and yes to life.

> Prophets are those who take life as it is and expand it. They refuse to shrink a vision of tomorrow to the boundaries of yesterday.

We Are All One: Sr. Joan Chittister OSB

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

MONDAY 9.00pm BBC2: IRRESISTIBLE: WHY CAN'T WE STOP

EATING Explores how ultra-processed food has come to dominate modern food culture, how products are ruthlessly designed to be irresistible and whether this should concern us.

WEDNESDAY 9.00pm BBC3: EVICTED: TENANTS ON THE EDGE

With surging property prices, unscrupulous landlords and millions caught in the trap of high rents and stagnant wages, this report talks to renters threatened with eviction.

THURSDAY 8.00pm ITV1: HOSPICES IN CRISIS?

Explores why hospices are struggling to survive?

FRIDAY 7.30PM C4: UNREPORTED WORLD: HIP-HOP PAKISTAN

Meets the female hip-hop artists who are turning away from gangs and inspiring others to follow in their footsteps, yet who face considerable opposition to their new way of life.

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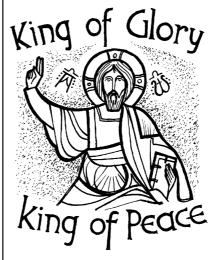
23rd/24th November 33rd SUNDAY Yr.B P.157

Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart Tuesday 9.30am Mass St Michael Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart Thursday 7.00pm Bereaved Families St Michael

Saturday 6.30pm Mass Sacred Heart Sunday 10.30am Mass St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS John 18; 33-37



Glory Who left all the lights on upstairs?" shouts the boss of the house, the one who pays the bills. The teenager has to be in by nine-o-clock, they are not the boss yet. We all must listen to the trainer to be in the team. Our lives are full of instructions and rules. We must acknowledge the discipline of 'kings' in our lives if we are going to do things correctly.

"Yes' I am a king." says

Jesus. His rules are clear; be friends, forgive when hurt and work to create new life and opportunities. He gathered a community, wanted what was best for those who crucified him and gave us resurrection. All our decisions and actions are to reveal God's rule and 'decrees'. His way of doing things.

REMEMBERED ... during Mass

Damon Franey, Christopher Kinsella, Bernard Jackson, Michael Youell, Frank Rimmer, Robert Evans

Throughout November we remember all our family and friends who have gone before us.

DEANERY NEWS - DEANERY SYNODAL COUNCIL

The DSC meets to discuss plans for the future. The DSC is to send a question or comment to the ASC (Archdiocesan Synodal Council) which will meet in November. Any thoughts/comments, please share them with our parish representative, The DSC last met on Tuesday, 12th November.

PEACE MARCH

Do join those marching for a ceasefire and peace in the Middle East on **Sunday, 24th November at 2.00pm** as they gather at the RC Cathedral, then march to Derby Square where there will be speakers.

ASSISTED DYING IN THE UK

MPs are preparing to vote, before Christmas, on a Bill that, if passed, will legalise assisted suicide. Our bishops are asking us to contact our MPs to voice our opposition to that Bill. Please contact your MP via the Right to Life UK website at <u>www.righttolife.org.uk/ASthreat</u> The letter is already written - you just read, click and send.

'EVERY PENNY COUNTS'

Kensington Fields Community Association are offering free advice on benefits, minimum wage, sick pay and holiday leave. Drop-ins are on Tuesdays 10.30 -12.30. Contact: 0151 708 9107

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

On Thursday, 28th November at 7.00pm, we invite all those who have lost loved ones this year to our annual Mass of Remembrance in St. Michael's Church to pray together and be reassured that 'in death, life is changed, not ended.'

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Liturgy Meeting, Monday 18th November 2024 at 7.00pm

<u>Remembrance Mass</u> Thursday, 28th November, 7.00pm, St. Michael's <u>Family Masses</u> Sacred Heart Church Saturday 30th November 6.30 and St Michael's Church Sunday 1st December 10.30. **Pax Christi** Parish Rooms, Horne St, December 12th 2pm.

FIRST COMMUNION 2025

Our communion children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week for the first time along with their parents. It was a very special occasion. Thank you to the three priests who came along and assisted Fr Fitz in administering the sacrament and to the parishioners who also gave up their time to help. At the family masses next weekend the children will receive their certificates. Please keep these families in your prayers.

PAX CHRISTI

The official peace group of the Catholic Church, Pax Christi, meets again at **2**.**00pm December 12th** in the Parish Rooms, Horne St.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Last Wednesday evening, a small group gathered to pray for and find out about the people our parish will be sending cards to this year. Cards will be available at next weekend's masses for those who wish to send a message of hope and solidarity.

CAFOD'S WORLD GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Buying CAFOD's virtual World Gifts makes a real difference for our sisters and brothers facing the injustice of poverty around the world. Beautifully illustrated cards, each representing a gift of hope, inspired by real people and real needs can be sent by post, as an eCard, or printed at home. Purchase World Gifts at <u>www.worldgifts.cafod.org.uk</u> or pick up a catalogue at the back of church.

ADVENT SERVICES

Sunday 1st December, St Margaret's Church West Derby Rd. and , Wednesday 4th December a Midday Service , St John's Church Queens Rd