

ADVENT PEACE THOUGHTS

Come Lord, do not smile and say you are already with us;
millions do not know you, and to us who do, what is the difference?
What is the point of your presence if our lives do not alter?

Change our lives, shatter our complacency.

Make your word flesh of our flesh, blood of our blood
and our life's purpose.

Take away the quietness of a clear conscience.

Press us uncomfortably, for only thus,
that other peace is made,
your peace.

Dom Helder Camara

Maranatha! Open our eyes to the dignity of all people
and our ears to the cries of the earth.

Maranatha! Let us walk in solidarity with the poor
and cleanse our world from oppression.

Maranatha! Let us shout out for justice for all
and renew our hope for change.

Maranatha! The Lord is coming!

Rejoice! Let us share the Good News!

Amen.

Sue Cooper/CAFOD

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

SUNDAY 7.00pm BBC1: ASIA

Highlights the people who dedicate their lives to saving Asia's wildlife.

SUNDAY 9.00pm BBC2: INSIDE BARLINNIE

With hard-hitting interviews, this film looks at the prison's role
in rehabilitation and how inmates prepare for a fresh start on the
outside?

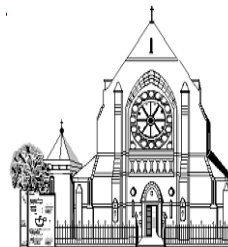
FRIDAY 7.00pm BBC2: THE LAKE DISTRICT: A WILD YEAR

Revealing perspective on a turbulent year for wildlife in the national park.

FRIDAY 8.00pm BBC2: UNDER THE CHRISTMAS SKY

In the Arabian desert in Jordan, the search begins for the Star of
Bethlehem - the conjunction of two planets - perhaps the basis for
the Biblical story.

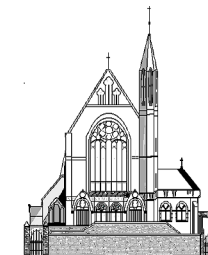
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14th & 15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent Yr.C P.30

MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS Luke 3:10-18

"I want to help, but don't know what to do." An induction course helps people to be good at a task. Asking people to complete a set of instructions carries with it the responsibility of explaining how things are done.

John the Baptist is asked "What do we do?" His instructions are full of examples to make it easy for us. Zephaniah and St Paul tell us that joy and happiness are the results of following the requests of God.



There is a special joy in getting the job done. Advent is the season of waiting and anticipation as we get on with the task.

REMEMBERED ...during Mass

Frank Molloy, Damon Franey, Christopher Kinsella,
Christine Grahame, Frank Rimmer, Francis Riley

Please keep these families in your prayers.

ADVENT

We use the colour of purple to mark the Church's special time to sharpen our love and care for others.

This season is the Church calling us to be God's presence in our world and in our situation.

Notice the Gospel speaks about getting the job done!

DEANERY NEWS

There have been 2 meetings recently at different levels ASC and DSC (Archdiocesan Synodal Council and Deanery Synodal Council.

Four signposts were highlighted for parishes to take on board.

1. We must be immersed in the joys, hopes and griefs of each other.
2. Develop leaders to attend to the changing needs of the Church.
3. Be bold and creative in renewing our local structures.
4. Embed synodality in every aspect of Archdiocesan / parish life.

A flyer is available at the back of Church covering all the major points.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE CARDS

Thank you for collecting cards to send your messages of hope and solidarity to those imprisoned for speaking out. If you haven't done so, please send your card, carefully following the instructions inside the envelope. It's not too late! Cost: £2.80.

During Advent, please pray for those who wait in fear and hope behind prison bars. Also, notice the display at the back of church about the prisoners and find out what happened to those you wrote to last year.

PEACE MARCH & CAROLS

Join those marching for a ceasefire and peace in the Middle East on **Sunday, 15th December, 2.00pm** as they gather at the RC Cathedral, then march to Derby Square where there will be speakers.

Also, Tuesday 17th, 2 to 3pm - Carols for Palestine, in Clayton Square.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Children's Vigil Mass Tuesday 24th December, Sacred Heart Church at 7pm. If you would like your child to take part, please be at church by 6.30pm.

Christmas 'Midnight' Mass Tues. 11.00pm St Michael

Christmas Morning Wed. 10.30am St Michael

PAX CHRISTI

The official peace group of the Catholic Church, Pax Christi, meets again in January in the Parish Rooms, Horne St. Thanks to St Michael's for hosting us.

CAFOD'S WORLD GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Buying CAFOD's 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 www.worldgifts.cafod.org.uk or pick up a catalogue at the back of church.

'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

CAFOD 40TH ANNIVERSARY FUN RUN

Run, jog, walk or wheel your way around the course! 27th December at Wavertree Sports Park, Wellington Rd, L15 4LE. 10.00am registration. 11.00am start; Adults: £10; Child: £5; Family: £20. Every step makes a difference to support communities around the world as they lift themselves out of poverty. Find out more at: cafod.org.uk/news/events/liverpool-fun-run

S.V.P.

We are keeping company with some families that might appreciate a little help with super market shopping this Christmas. Your donations make this possible