

ADVENT PEACE THOUGHTS

'Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world. It is the desire of many people tormented by hunger, by injustice and by war.

It is the desire of the poor, the weak, the abandoned. This is a favourable time to open our hearts, to ask ourselves concrete questions about how and for whom we expend our lives.'
Pope Francis, Angelus, 2nd December 2018

'Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God, who became one of us.'
Pope Francis

'May we truly make it our aim this Advent to not merely wait for Christ, but to learn more about Him each day, so that when He returns, our hearts will be like His.'
Henri Nouwen

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

WEDNESDAY 9.00pm BBC2: RAGE AGAINST THE REGIME: IRAN

Eyewitness stories of women resisting punitive state restrictions in the Iranian Republic, which has a reputation for extreme repression and brutality.

THURSDAY 8.00pm C4: HOW TO HEAT YOUR HOME FOR LESS

With energy prices on the rise again and the winter fuel payments stopped, this report explores how we can save money and stay warm.

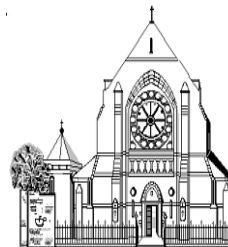
THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: CHRISTMAS COSTS AND CONS

During the festive season, consumers need to be alert to potential scams. This report examines counterfeit goods, inflated prices and the dangers of getting into debt while highlighting what we need to be aware of as Christmas approaches.

FRIDAY 7.30pm C4: UNREPORTED WORLD: LOCKED UP IN MEXICO

With over 90,000 Mexicans jailed without trial in the country's crackdown on drugs and with the justice system stacked against them, this report meets families in their efforts to seek justice and free their loved ones.

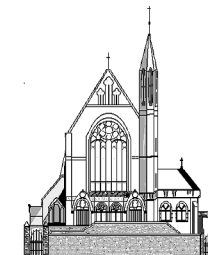
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Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



30th Nov & 1st Dec 1st SUNDAY of Advent Yr.C P.26

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

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

GOSPEL THOUGHTS Luke 21: 25-28/34-36

We know the dark nights are coming in when we close the curtains early. Light seems to be losing the struggle to the darkness. We give in to what seems inevitable and spend more time indoors.

Very soon the light pushes back and eventually becomes the brightness that has us turn off the heating and go out into the warmth of the sun. The Church choose this time of the year to celebrate God's birth; becoming a human being.

Right in the centre of our closed up lives, God, who was there all the time, comes. Division and hatred are pushed back and are dismantled- that is when God is revealed and we are called out of our selfishness to be warmth to all we meet.

Put lights in your window as you draw the curtains!



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.**

ADVENT

We use the colour of purple to mark the Church's New Year.
This season is the Church calling us to think of God's presence in
our world and even the cosmos. Notice the Gospel speaks of sea,
waves, sun, moon, and stars before we speak of
the mother and child of Christmas.

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.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE CHRISTMAS CARDS

SEND A MESSAGE OF HOPE

*Every Advent, our parish sends messages of hope
and solidarity to prisoners of conscience - courageous
individuals, harassed or imprisoned because they
challenge injustice and demand change.*

Cards are available at the back of church this weekend.

*Envelopes are already addressed,
with info. about each prisoner inside.*

Please follow all instructions on the sheet very carefully.

The cost of postage is a standard fee of £2.80.

*This Advent season, please pray for those
who wait in fear and hope behind prison bars
for freedom and justice.*

PEACE MARCH

Join those marching for a ceasefire and peace in the Middle East
on **Sunday, 1st December at 2.00pm** as they gather
at the RC Cathedral, then march to Derby Square
where there will be speakers.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Family Masses Sacred Heart Church Saturday, 30th November,
6.30pm and St Michael's Church, Sunday 1st December, 10.30am.

Eucharistic Ministers' Meeting Wednesday, 4th December,
at St. Michael's

Pax Christi Parish Rooms, Horne St, Thursday, 12th December 2pm.

PAX CHRISTI

The official peace group of the Catholic Church,
**Pax Christi, meets again at 2.00pm on Thursday, 12th December
in the Parish Rooms, Horne St.**

ADVENT SERVICE FOR PEACE

'Light in Dark Times' an Ecumenical Advent Service for Peace
and Justice, organised by Merseyside Pax Christi, will take place on
**Sunday 8th December, 4.00pm at St Teresa's Church,
Utting Avenue East, L11 3BW.**

Please leave a message on 263 6578 if you need a lift.

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.

ADVENT SERVICES

Sunday 1st Dec, St Margaret's Church, West Derby Rd. 7pm.
and
Wednesday 4th December - Midday Service, St John's Church,
Queens Rd

'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