

ADVENT PEACE THOUGHTS

Based on Luke 3: 1-6

Road building is rough work; hard labour, muscles strained, hands calloused, back near breaking - even with lifting gear, hard-hat and protective boots.

Site clearance is dirty work, and dangerous, removing rotten structures, risking unsafe ground, uncovering long-forgotten corruption, the stink too hard to breathe of waste and dereliction. God, you cry out for us to clear the site, to rebuild the road because you are coming; and you will come on the road that we build.

Give your people, we pray, the will and stamina for the job. Give us courage to tackle the clearance of debt, exploitation and war which corrupt communities and nations.

Give us the grit and determination to straighten out the crooked structures, which make it hard for the poor and weak to journey to freedom - and help us to shout aloud that you are to come along the very road that we build.

Heather Pencavel

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

WED/THURS 8.00pm C4: THE SCHOOL THAT BANNED SMARTPHONES

With concerns about the impact such devices are having on children, parents, staff and a group of Year 8 pupils at a Yorkshire school undertake an experiment to give up their smartphones for 21 days. Concludes tomorrow.

THURSDAY 9.40pm BBC4: PHILOMENA

Drama based on a true story of an Irish woman's 50 year search for the son who was taken away from her when she was a teenage inmate of a Catholic convent.

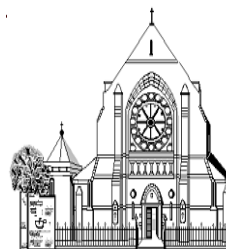
FRIDAY 7.30pm C4: UNREPORTED WORLD: HOMELESS IN SIN CITY

A report on the difficulties faced by the homeless population of Las Vegas, speaking to businesses who are paying for homeless camps to be cleared and to the homeless who go underground to feel safe.

FRIDAY 9.00pm BBC2: ALAN BENNETT: 90 YEARS ON.

Documentary celebrating the life and career of one of Britain's best-loved playwrights.

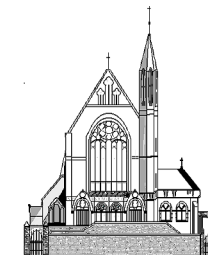
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7th 8th Dec 2nd Sunday of Advent Yr.C P.28

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 3:1-6

He said he would do it. She has never let us down. You can be sure that will be done. There are people who will say yes to please us but not be able to achieve what they sincerely promise.

Integrity is when our beliefs, words and actions are all one, in us and between us.

Our faith is not to be simply prayers or promises without actions. Our love is to increase more and more until it is not only in our wishes but in our decisions and relationships too.

Such love is only achieved by pushing aside the briars of selfishness. We are encouraged by John the Baptist to make way for Christ to come through us.



REMEMBERED ...during Mass

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

Please keep these families in your prayers.

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 hills and valleys.

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

Join those marching for a ceasefire and peace in the Middle East on **Sunday, 8th December at 2.00pm** as they gather at the RC Cathedral, then march to Derby Square where there will be speakers.

SVP

The SVP is an important part of parish outreach. If you would like to offer your time to visit, with another person, the more vulnerable members of our community, then please be in touch with Fr. Fitz. There is also a monthly collection for the work of the SVP.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Baptism Preparation Session 2 - Monday 9th December 7.30pm

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

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

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.

'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

NUGENT CARE LIGHT UP A LIFE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

will take place on Friday 13th December 2024 at the RC Metropolitan Cathedral. The service will start at midday.