

PEACE THOUGHTS

A FRANCISCAN BLESSING

May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers,
half-truths, and superficial relationships
so that we may live deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with anger at injustice,
oppression, and exploitation of people,
so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless us with tears to shed for those
who suffer from pain, injustice, starvation and war,
so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them
and to turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless us with enough foolishness to believe
that we can make a difference in this world,
so that we can do what others claim cannot be done. Amen.

The kingdom of God is an upside-down kingdom
which beckons us to gamble all, to trust radically, to come and die
so that we might live - to give our lives away.

Giving life away is a paradox. It's losing so we can win.
It's giving so we can receive. It's risking for security. It's faith.

The kingdom of God means living that tension.
As Christ lived thus.....will you?

Ken Wytsma

WORTH WATCHING

WEDNESDAY 9.00pm BBC2: STORY OF US

This episode looks at how artists have tried to redefine the UK's place in the world since the end of the British Empire. As migration transformed the country, it examines how artists and writers captured a fast-changing society.

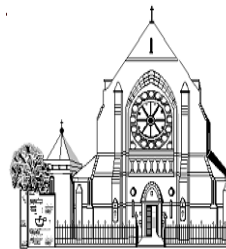
THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: GOING SOBER: CAN WE DITCH THE BOOZE?

With the UK still facing a record-high in alcohol-related deaths, this episode asks whether the UK can change its relationship with alcohol.

THURSDAY 9.00pm C5: BRITAIN'S GREAT CATHEDRALS

Embarks on a journey to unlock the secrets of the UK's most spectacular cathedrals.

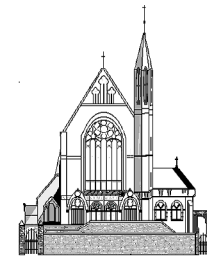
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11th/12th January '25 Baptism of Jesus Year C P.50

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 3:15-16,21-22



The O.A.P. next door needs a thoughtful neighbour in this bad weather. Loneliness can leave us unable; disabled.

We need each other to be human; to be as God made us. God made us in God's image; Adam and Eve; male and female, family, friendship, community, parish, neighbourhood are unavoidable if we are to be functioning people.

God taught us what we have to do, not only with instructions. The Creator came to keep us creatures company; to share God's life. The Child of Christmas and the young man baptised is

God revealing that human beings are the one family. We are common with one another and that is the very nature of God. God is common. We are to reveal the presence of God in relationships, in every encounter. God is community, get in there.

REMEMBERED ...during Mass

, Kevin Snape, James Wynne, Andrew Weathers,
Peter Nicholson, Christine Grahame, Damon Franey

Please keep these families in your prayers.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Monday - Friday 20th-24th January.

You are invited at 12noon

Monday Sacred Heart, near the Royal Hosp.
Tuesday St Francis of Assisi Academy, Gardeners Drive
Wednesday L'Arche Lockerby road
Thursday All Saints Molyneux Rd.
Friday Alive Believers Boaler Street

GAZA PEACE MARCH

For many months, the people of Liverpool have faithfully gathered to march for a ceasefire and an end to the genocide in Gaza.

Will you join them this **Sunday, 12th January at 2.00pm** as they gather at the RC Cathedral, then march to Derby Square?
All are welcome!

PEACE SUNDAY (19th JANUARY)

This year, the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the 58th World Peace Day message is,

'Forgive Us our Trespases. Grant us Your Peace'.

There are copies of his message at the back of church.

We will commemorate Peace Sunday at our masses
w.e. 18th/19th January.

JUSTICE/FAITH IN ACTION GROUP 14TH JANUARY, 5.00PM AT ST. MICHAEL'S

If you are interested in looking at international and local justice issues through the lens of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching, then please join us in St. Michael's on

Tuesday, 14th January, 5.00pm in St. Michael's
when we will consider how to use the coming year to put our faith into action. All are welcome!

PEACE SUNDAY TALK

A mass for peace will be celebrated at the RC Cathedral by Archbishop Malcolm on **19th January at 11.00am.**

This will be followed at 1.15pm, by the annual peace talk, to be delivered by Dr. Gee Walker who will speak about the murder of her son Anthony, about forgiveness, reconciliation and justice.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

WYA Communion Preparation - Session 3 on Tuesday, 14th January at 5.30pm in the Irish Centre.

Jubilee Meeting Wednesday 22nd January, 7pm, Horne St.

WYA Meeting for Parents Only - Tuesday, 28th January, 5.30pm at the Irish Centre.

INTRODUCING JUBILEE

18th January 2025, 10.30am - 12.00pm (online)

A general introduction to the Jubilee Year.

Hear what Jubilee is about, how we're celebrating as a global and national Church and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year.

To register go to: Cafod.org.uk

Follow the Get Involved link, then Jubilee Year 2025.

To get involved at a parish level there will be a meeting, Wednesday 22nd January 7pm in Horne St.

For more information google 'Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee'

PAX CHRISTI

The official peace group of the Catholic Church, Pax Christi, meets again on **Thursday February 13th at 2pm** in the Parish Rooms, Horne St. Thanks to St Michael's for hosting us.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Are you in Year 8 and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Then register at: liverpoolcalled.co.uk from 13th January - 17th March '25.

Want to know more? See your school chaplain or Fr. Fitz.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING/REFRESH AT IRENAEUS

Training days for Eucharistic ministers will take place on:

18TH JANUARY & 15TH MARCH '25.

Please contact Fr. Fitz if you would like to be involved.

INVITATION TO A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

A process is under way to appoint a new Archbishop of Liverpool. You are invited to contribute to this process Saturday, 18th January at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, L17 1AA, 10.30am - 1.00pm or online.

This is open to all parishioners of the Liverpool Archdiocese.

There will be two parts to the meeting: First, to look at where we are as a diocese and our future development and secondly, to consider the qualities needed in our future Archbishop.

To register your attendance go to: <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/events> then scroll down to: Extraordinary Archdiocesan Synodal Meeting.

There, you will also find a link to attend by Zoom.