

## PEACE THOUGHTS

*In the light of the Gospel, let us ask God for a good Christmas:*  
... that no powerful nation should tax the poor or uproot them;  
...that no unmarried mother should be put away in disgrace;  
...that no door will be shut on those who need to find it open;  
...that shepherds and sheep - all of nature, need not be afraid;  
...that barbed wire and angry soldiers may not be found in Bethlehem;  
...that wise women and wise men might appear  
in Gaza, Syria, Lebanon, Sudan and Ukraine;  
...that children may be preserved from those who would abuse them;  
...that this Christmas,  
our worship may become a manger and our church a stable,  
and the rumour become a reality that Christ  
has indeed come among us.  
This we pray in your name, Emmanuel!  
Amen.

Wild Goose Worship

*When the song of the angels is stilled;  
when the kings and princes are home;  
when the shepherds are back with their flock,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among others, to make music in the heart.*

Howard Thurman

## TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

### SUNDAY 7.30pm BBC2: MY EPIC CAMEL ADVENTURE

This epic journey across the Gobi desert by camel, starting in western Mongolia then crossing blistering sand dunes, rocky plains and precarious mountains, reveals spectacular landscapes and wildlife.

### SUNDAY/MONDAY 10.00pm ITV3: MR. BATES vs THE POST OFFICE

Fact-based drama about the Post Office computer scandal.

### FRIDAY 10.00pm ITV1: TSUNAMI:

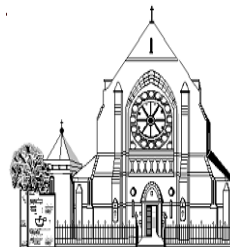
#### THE WAVE THAT SHOOK THE WORLD

Marking the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the disaster that took the lives of over 230,000 people and displaced more than 1.4 million more.

### FRIDAY 12.05pm RADIO 4: RARE EARTH: REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL

Considers how 2025 will shape up for the environment and wildlife.

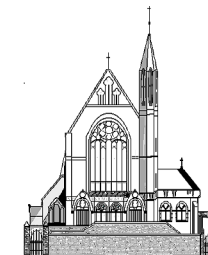
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## **THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART**

Fr. James Nugent Pastoral Area  
St Michael's Church, Horne St, L6 5EH  
Sacred Heart Church, Low Hill, L7 8TN  
Tel: 0151 263 6578

Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



**21st & 22nd December 4th Sunday of Advent Yr.C P.32**

### **MASS TIMES**

**Monday Mass 9.00am Sacred Heart**  
**Monday Funeral Service Christine Grahame 12 noon St Michael**  
**Tuesday Christmas Eve 7.00 pm Sacred Heart**  
**Tuesday 'Midnight' Mass 11.00 pm St Michael**  
**Wednesday Christmas Day 10.30 am St Michael**

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

### **GOSPEL THOUGHTS Luke 1:39-45**

Some of us elderly people were told "cleanliness is next to godliness." But God arrived in among confusion and a mucky stable. Two women were unexpectedly pregnant and later there was no room at the inn. God's love and concern is revealed from among untidy human events.

Mary and Elizabeth discover great joy as well as shock. Love and concern for each other redeems the surprise they are sharing. Joseph and Mary are homeless but are compassionately offered a smelly stable.

God is challenging our comfortable ideas by arriving among us from and through the confusion of life. We can join God's arrival by planting concern and joy into our chaos.

Happy Christmas!



## REMEMBERED ...during Mass

Andrew Weathers, Frank Molloy, Damon Franey,  
Ferdinand Pastor, Christopher Kinsella, Christine Grahame,

**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.

## 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.**

## PEACE MARCH

Join those marching for a ceasefire and peace in the Middle East  
**on Sunday, 22nd December at 2.00pm**  
**as they gather at the RC Cathedral,**  
then march to Derby Square where there will be speakers.

## IRISH CENTRE

**SUNDAY 22nd 1.00pm**

Meet and Greet Santa.

Dancing, Face Painting and a Great Christmas raffle!

## MONEY MATTERS

**Don't be alone with debt!**

Citizens Advice Bureau 0300 330 1196

Kensington Fields Community Centre 0151 708 9107

BIG HELP, Boaler Street, 0808 275 9931

Join a Credit Union!

## 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** Tuesday 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](http://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](http://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 supermarket shopping this Christmas. Your donations make this possible.