

PEACE THOUGHTS

The Episcopal Bishop of Washington, Mariann Budde, courageously speaks Christ's truth to a 'mighty' president during the Inaugural Prayer Service of Donald Trump.

"Let me make one final plea, Mr. President, millions have put their trust in you and, as you told the nation yesterday, you have felt the providential hand of a loving God. In the name of our God, I ask you to have mercy upon the people in our country who are scared now. There are gay, lesbian and transgender children in Democratic, Republican, and Independent families, some who fear for their lives. The people who pick our crops and clean our office buildings; who labour in poultry farms and meat packing plants; who wash the dishes after we eat in restaurants and work the night shifts in hospitals. They may not be citizens or have the proper documentation but the vast majority of immigrants are not criminals. They pay taxes and are good neighbours. They are faithful members of our churches and mosques, synagogues, gurdwaras and temples. I ask you to have mercy, Mr. President, on those in our communities whose children fear that their parents will be taken away, and that you help those who are fleeing war zones and persecution in their own lands to find compassion and welcome here. Our God teaches us that we are to be merciful to the stranger, for we were all once strangers in this land. May God grant us the strength and courage to honour the dignity of every human being, to speak the truth to one another in love and walk humbly with each other and our God for the good of all people... for the good of all people in this nation and the world. Amen."

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

SUNDAY 10.30pm BBC2: SCHINDLER'S LIST

True story of Oscar Schindler, a factory owner who protected his Jewish workers from the evil escalating around him in Nazi Germany.

TUESDAY 10.40pm BBC1: HOLY COMMUNION

Offers a unique glimpse as four families prepare for the sacrament of Holy Communion in an increasingly secular society.

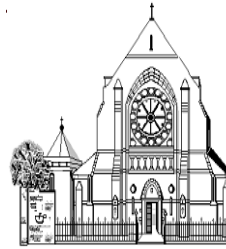
WEDNESDAY 9.00pm BBC1: OUR KNIFE CRIME CRISIS

Examines why knife crime is rising in so many places, what the possible solutions might be and how those affected could influence policy and inspire change.

THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: PRISONS ON THE BRINK

Considers how we might solve the nation's prison problem.

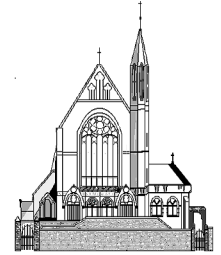
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MASS TIMES

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

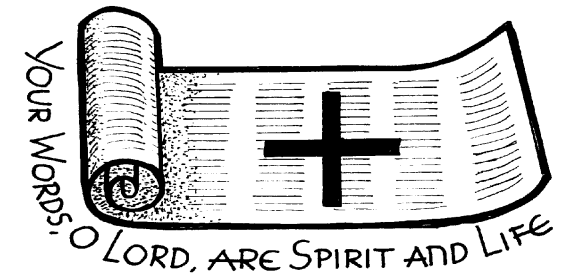
GOSPEL THOUGHTS Luke 1:1-4, & 4:14-21

Words can be put on a page or be spoken. Too many words from the preacher or shouted with exasperation can be ignored.

A wise teacher, caring nurse or a lover, have power in their words. Words can encourage or hurt.

We are told that God spoke and made the world, even the cosmos. Is it exciting that God speaks to those that are created, wanting to love us and teach us? In Moses time, and also in Ezra's time, God uses words to teach and reveal divine wisdom. We are to be shaped by Isaiah and Luke when Jesus, the word made flesh, speaks to us.

Let's listen and be shaped to be sent to the poor, downtrodden and the unforgiven. God calls us and shapes us by the WORD of the GOSPEL.



REMEMBERED ...during Mass

Osaretin Enagbae, Deirdre Hunt, Kevin Finn,
Helena Kilmartin, Peter Nicholson, Damon Franey

Please keep these families in your prayers.

GAZA PEACE MARCH

As the fragile ceasefire holds in Gaza, violence towards Palestinians has escalated in the Occupied West Bank. Will you join those calling for peace with justice for the people of Palestine on, **Sunday, 26th January, 2.00pm** at the RC Cathedral, then marching through town to Derby Square where there will be speakers? All are welcome!

PEACE SUNDAY TALK

Some of our parishioners attended the mass for peace at the RC Cathedral last Sunday, which was celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm and then listened to Dr. Gee Walker who spoke movingly about the murder of her son Anthony, about forgiveness, reconciliation and justice and encouraged others to forgive.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION MASS OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate Mass on **9th February at 11.00am at the RC Cathedral**. It will include the renewal of marriage vows and a special blessing for those married in a Jubilee year. Refreshments served afterwards in the Gibberd Room.

CELEBRATION OF THE MIRACULOUS CURE OF JOHN TRAYNOR

Tuesday, 18th February, 7:00PM at the RC Cathedral.

Following the announcement in December of the miraculous cure of John (Jack) Traynor, a Liverpool man, at Lourdes, our archdiocese will celebrate this historic moment with special Mass followed by a drinks reception. All are very welcome to attend.

SUPPORT FOR THE DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

The Restored Lives course runs over six weeks, one evening per week. The talks cover the key issues to help you to move on and highlight the practical steps and tools to enable you to tackle the issues that arise from separation and divorce.

For more information, contact **Maureen 07967753371**

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL OF LUKE:

THE UPSIDE-DOWN GOSPEL

10:30am - 12:00pm, Wednesdays 29th January, 5th February

The Irenaeus Project, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo
All are welcome! Ring Jenny at 0151 949 1199 for more info.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

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

Pax Christi Meeting - Tuesday 13th February 2pm Horne St.

Liturgy Group Meeting - Monday, 17th February, 1.00pm, Horne St.

Jubilee Meeting - Wednesday, 19th February, 7.00pm, Horne St.

WYA Session 4 - Tuesday, 25th February, 5.30pm, Irish Centre

THE YEAR OF JUBILEE AT ST. MICHAEL & SACRED HEART

There was a meeting this week to see how our parish could move forward together to celebrate this special Jubilee year. If you are interested in finding out more about Jubilee and how we can celebrate in our parish then join us on **Wednesday, 19th February, 7pm at St. Michael's**. All are welcome!

AN INVITATION FROM THE FCJ SISTERS

Wednesday, 29th January, 7.00pm at the FCJ Centre, St Hugh's, 53A Cranborne Rd, Liverpool L15 2HY.

'The theme of the 2025 Jubilee Year is **Pilgrims of Hope**. Please join us for an evening of prayer, reflection and input on the meaning of Jubilee and the significance of taking actions to sow hope.'
A car will leave St. Michael's, Horne Street at 6.30pm, if you need a lift.

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.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING/REFRESH AT IRENAEUS

Training days for Eucharistic ministers will take place on: **15th March**
Please contact Fr. Fitz if you would like to be involved.