

PEACE THOUGHTS

Today is the 30th anniversary of Racial Justice Sunday when the Church focuses on the need to oppose racism and invites us to pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. May our parish family of different nationalities, races, cultures, and backgrounds, that calls each other brothers and sisters, be united in prayer:

*Father, you created each one of us in your own image.
Yours is a world made glorious by its rich diversity.
This we sometimes misunderstand, sometimes fear.
Give us the patience to build on what unites us,
to celebrate our differences and to learn from them.
Grant us the wisdom to recognise your Church,
beyond the walls of this building,
reaching out across all communities, countries and cultures.
Give us the courage to offer refuge to those in need,
to challenge prejudice and seek justice for all.
Help us to see that you created us in your image.
Neighbours or strangers, always brothers and sisters. Amen.*

Yashoda Sutcliffe Catholic Association for Racial Justice

'Racism is a serious offense against God precisely because it violates the innate dignity of the human person.

At its core, racism is a failure to love our neighbour.

Since we cannot claim to love God unless we love our neighbour, we can only be one with God if we reject racism and work aggressively to remove it from our personal lives, our church, and our society.'

Pastoral Letter on Racism, Archbishop Harry Flynn, USA

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

MONDAY 9.00pm C4: GO BACK TO WHERE YOU CAME FROM

Participants meet people smugglers, migrants heading for Europe and face a terrifying sea crossing. Will they re-evaluate their views?

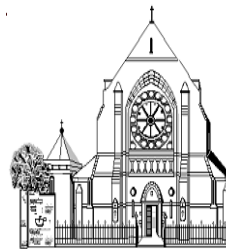
MONDAY 9.00pm BBC2: GAZA: HOW TO SURVIVE A WARZONE

This film, told through the eyes of children, captures the chaos of day-to-day life in Gaza and the ways these children cope in a place of rubble and blood.

THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: BRITAIN'S SILENT SCANDAL

200,000 women have been forced to give up their babies since WW2. This documentary meets the women who are campaigning for an apology from the UK government.

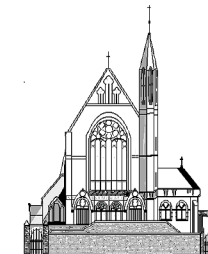
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THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART

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Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



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MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS Luke 6: 17,20-26

It is in Luke's gospel that we hear that God scatters the proud and brings down the mighty from their thrones. The order of the world is to be challenged. Humble shepherds, tax collectors, prostitutes, lepers and thieves are highlighted in Luke's story.

We should not be surprised that the order of things is stirred up. Jesus has just witnessed the stubbornness of the Pharisees and feels the hostility of the correct and powerful. He fixes his eyes on his unsuspecting disciples. Jesus' next words (today's gospel) are encouragement for his friends who will have to do what he is doing.

Christians are expected to stir up things that are unfair or short of God's loving, forgiving care. Let us learn to speak truth to power, like Jesus.



REMEMBERED ...during Mass

Yaw Poku, Derek Worlock, T. D. George,
Kevin Snape, Gerry Wharton, Kathleen McIlwain.
Please keep these families in your prayers.

GAZA PEACE MARCH

With Israel's violence escalating daily in the West Bank, please will you join those calling for peace with justice for all in Palestine and an end to Israel's occupation on, **Sunday, 16th February, 2.00pm, starting at the RC Cathedral and ending at Derby Square** where there will be speakers? All are welcome!

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 a special Mass followed by a drinks reception.

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**

KENSINGTON FIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE

'Whether you just want a chat or if you're looking for advice, we're here to listen and help wherever we can. From debt and money worries to health and wellbeing, as well as support for parents, community-led housing, signposting help and neighbourhood listening.'

'The kettle is always on, so, if you're not quite sure what support you need, just come and have a chat over a brew!'
(from website: kfca.co.uk)

KFCC, Hall Lane, L7 8TQ Tel: 0151 708 9107

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Liturgy Group Meeting - Monday, 17th February, 1.00pm, Horne St.
Faith/Justice in Action - Tuesday, 18th February, 5.00pm, 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

Parishioners have met 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!

FAITH/JUSTICE IN ACTION GROUP MEETING

A small group meets monthly to explore how, as Christians, we might respond, through prayer and action, to the injustices we see in our changing world.

You are warmly invited you join us at our next meeting on:

Tuesday, 18th February at 5.00pm in St. Michael's. All are welcome!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION CATHOLIC PICTORIAL

Check out the article in the Catholic Pic January edition if you are registering for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. Registrations are now open for Year 8. Register at: liverpoolcalled.co.uk
Closing date: 17th March.

DEANARY SYNODAL COUNCIL (DSC)

Meeting on Thursday, 20th February, 6.30pm at St Anthony's. This is a place for us to take responsibility for the future of the faith in our district.

CALLING ALL READERS!

Dates for your diary

Saturday, 22nd March 10am - 1pm (Adult Readers)

Saturday, 5th March 12 - 2pm (Young Readers)

Do you read at mass or are thinking of becoming a reader?

Our deanery is hosting a reflection morning about the beauty of proclaiming the word of God. Please come along if you are interested.