

## CRAFTING CLUB

Do you enjoy making stuff, and being creative? A craft club is a great way of getting together, getting to know each other, learning new skills and supporting each other, all that and more, while filling the need to create with like-minded friends.

For those who aren't the most out-going, it gives you a fun way of connecting with others. Come and join us for a chat, bring your latest project or we can start a new one together and we can learn together. Bring a friend, the more the merrier. If this is something you would be interested in joining, leave your name and number in the box at the back of church.

## PEACE THOUGHTS

Uplifting women is for everybody, every day, but on **8<sup>th</sup> March, International Women's Day**, we are invited to celebrate women a little more!

It's true that women's rights have come a long way since the day was first established in 1909, but serious problems like discrimination, leadership disparity, sexual assault, domestic violence, reproductive rights and the gender pay gap still persist.

This day champions women's rights and encourages discussion and action in all sphere of women's lives - political, social, economic and ecclesial. '**Accelerate Action**,' this year's theme, calls for rapid advancements in gender equality and for each one of us to be part of the change.

Find out more at: [www.internationalwomensday.com](http://www.internationalwomensday.com)

The Gospels tell us :

*Jesus protected women, empowered women, honoured women publicly, released the voices of women, confided in women, was funded by women, celebrated women by name, learned from women, respected women and spoke of women as examples to follow.*  
**NOW IT'S OUR TURN!!**

*Here's to strong women everywhere! May we know them, may we be them, may we raise them! Happy Women's Day!*

## TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

### MONDAY 8.00pm BBC1: THE DAY LOS ANGELES BURNED

Thousands of homes in Los Angeles were destroyed and 29 lives lost last January. How did under-funding and climate change play a part in the tragedy?

### MONDAY 9.00pm BBC2: ISRAEL & THE PALESTINIANS: THE ROAD TO 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

Explores events following Trump's first presidency and how deals made then, impacted on the events of 7<sup>th</sup> October '23.

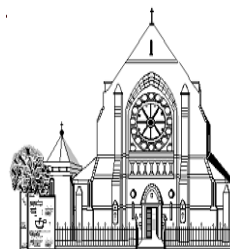
### THURSDAY 9.00pm BBC2: STRIKE! THE VILLAGE THAT FOUGHT BACK

Evocative documentary telling of the passionate struggle of the miners at Polmaise Colliery to save the last village pit in Scotland during the miners' strike.

### FRIDAY 7.30pm C4: UNREPORTED WORLD: CRISIS IN SUDAN

Reports on the plight of over a million people on the brink of starvation as the war rages between the Sudanese government and the Rapid Support Forces.

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

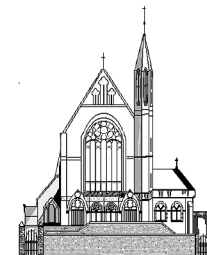
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**8th/9th MARCH '25 1st Sunday of Lent Year C P.72**

### MASS TIMES

**Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart**

**Tuesday 9.30am St Michael**

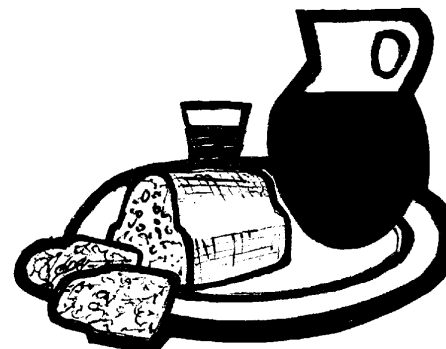
**Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart**

**Thursday 7.00pm St Michael**

**Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart**

**Sunday 10.30am St Michael**

### GOSPEL THOUGHTS Luke 4:1-13



A lot of us only read the instructions when things go wrong. Whether it is the dashboard in the car or the computer, we have settled for "my way".

God's word is our instruction book as we are made in God's image. Jesus shows how to use Lent by setting some time aside to listen to God; perhaps by reading the Gospel. In today's readings, we see Moses calling the people aside to remember to thank God for their harvest. Next, we see Jesus set aside time to decide what to do next. He refuses three times things that do not come from God; he refuses selfish acts and follows the Holy Spirit (God's way of doing things).  
Let's check that we only do what comes from Our Father.

## **REMEMBERED ...during Mass**

Yaw Poku, Hannah McMahon,  
Patrica Letford, nee O'Brien, 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 for an end to Israel's occupation on,

**Sunday, 9th March at 2.00pm,  
starting at the RC Cathedral and ending at Derby Square**  
where there will be speakers. All are welcome.

### **Stations of the Cross**

Stations of the Cross will be on **Friday, 7th March at 6.30pm**  
and every Friday during Lent thereafter.

### **DEANERY SYNODAL COUNCIL (DSC)**

The Deanery Synodal Council with representatives from our  
Family of Parishes has planned the following together:

#### **DSC North Family of Parishes**

Times of Stations of the Cross in each parish.

All Saints, Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

(except Tuesday 11th March which will be at 9:30 am  
due to football match) on Thursday, 20th March at 7.00pm

St. John the Evangelist, Friday at 6:00 pm

St. Michael's, Horne St, Friday at 6:30pm

SFX, Saturday at 11:30 am

St. Anthony's, Saturday at 10:00 am

### **JOURNEYING THROUGH LENT 2025**

Exploring conversion and discerning in this Year of Hope  
with the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur at 55, Swanside Road, L14 7NJ.

Wednesdays, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2 - 3.30pm.

Find out more from Sister Bridget - 0151- 228 3970.

### **ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL ROMERO MASS**

This year's Mass for St Oscar Romero will be celebrated  
at St Edmund of Canterbury, 62, Oxford Rd, Waterloo, Liverpool,  
L22 8QF on **Thursday, 20th March at 7.00pm.**

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING DAY**

**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 9.15am - 4.15pm, at Irenaeus, 32 Great  
Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD - A training day for anyone called  
to serve as a Eucharistic minister. Please speak to Fr. Fitz if you are  
interested, as we need to book places.**

## **UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**Baptism Preparation Meetings** - 10th March, 7.30pm, St. Michael's

**Eucharistic Ministers' Meeting** - 12th March, 7.30pm, St. Michael's

**Pax Christi Meeting** - Thursday, 13th March, 2pm, St. Michael's

**Readers' Meeting** - Saturday 22nd March, 10am - 1pm, St Michael's

### **CONFIRMATIONS 2025**

Any Year 8 pupil who wishes to be confirmed, must register  
at [liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://liverpoolcalled.co.uk). by **17<sup>th</sup> March '25**. A week to go!  
More news after registration ends on next steps and support  
for pupils attending non-Catholic schools.

### **CALLING ALL READERS!**

#### **Dates for your diary**

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

**Young Readers Meeting - Date to be rescheduled.**

Do you read at mass or are thinking of becoming a reader?  
Our deanery is hosting a reflection morning at St. Michael's  
about the beauty of proclaiming the Word of God.

Please come along if you are interested.

### **PILGRIMS OF HOPE JUBILEE**

Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a Holy Year of Jubilee for the  
Catholic Church, an event that takes place once every 25 years and  
offers the faithful an opportunity to renew their relationship  
with God, each other, and with all of creation.  
More info. soon on how we can get involved.

### **CAFOD LENT APPEAL**

**CAFOD Family Fast Day is next Friday, 14th March.**

By praying, eating simply and giving, you can, through CAFOD,  
support people like, Lokho, a mum in Kenya, who is trying  
to feed her family against all the odds.

CAFOD provides simple, effective solutions to the toughest problems  
facing people around the world, at a time of huge uncertainty.

**Please collect a CAFOD envelope as you leave church, and,  
if you are able, make a Lenten offering to support CAFOD's work.**

**Thank you!**

Visit [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) to find out more about this year's appeal.