

## ADVENT PEACE THOUGHTS

Come Lord, do not smile and say you are already with us;  
millions do not know you, and to us who do, what is the difference?  
What is the point of your presence if our lives do not alter?

Change our lives, shatter our complacency,  
make your word flesh of our flesh,  
blood of our blood and our life's purpose.  
Take away the quietness of a clear conscience.  
Press us uncomfortably,  
for only thus, that other peace is made, your peace.

Dom Helder Camara

Maranatha! Open our eyes to the dignity of all people  
and our ears to the cries of the earth.  
Maranatha! Let us walk in solidarity with the poor  
and cleanse our world from oppression.  
Maranatha! Let us shout out for justice for all  
and renew our hope for change.  
Maranatha! The Lord is coming!  
Let us share the Good News! Amen.

Sue Cooper/CAFOD

## TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

*Follow Aljazeera English online for challenging and insightful world news.*

### MONDAY 8.00pm BBC1: PANORAMA: EVRI: WHERE'S MY PARCEL?

Investigation about the pressures of working in an Evri delivery unit, speaking to unhappy customers and couriers who say they struggle to make a living.

### MONDAY 9.00pm SKY DOCS: SALT PATH: A VERY BRITISH

SCANDAL Follow journalist Chloe Hadjimatheou as a tip sparks a probing look into Raynor Winn's beloved memoir, uncovering claims and evidence that challenge 'The Salt Path's' truth.

### THURSDAY 9.00pm BBC1: SIR CHRIS HOY: CYCLE OF HOPE

The multiple Olympic world champion track cyclist faces the biggest challenge of his life as he shares an intimate look at living with terminal cancer.

### FRIDAY 8.00pm C4: HUNTING BRITAIN'S PARCEL THIEVES

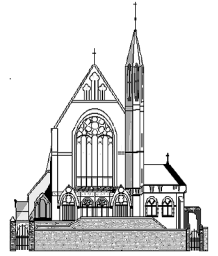
Every seven seconds, a parcel is stolen in Britain. With Christmas coming, this report reveals the stark reality of Britain's disappearing doorstep deliveries and how we can protect our deliveries.

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

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## 13th & 14th December '25 Third Sunday of Advent P88.

### MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart  
Tuesday 9.30am St Michael's  
Wednesday 12 noon Sacred Heart  
Thursday 7.00pm St Michael's  
Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart  
Sunday 10.30am St Michael's

### GOSPEL THOUGHTS: Matt 11: 2-11

Tom came out of the train station and asked the way to the football stadium. A local pointed the way. Tom was encouraged by the many people with coloured scarves going that same way and joined in.

John the Baptist, now in jail, had asked if Jesus was the way. John's life was to show others the Way. Jesus is that way and encourages everyone to see the evidence. Every one in need, the blind, deaf, lepers, the unforgiven and the dead were all consoled and healed.

It is our turn to both ask the way and also be the way. We are to know Jesus and be like Him, consoling everyone who is in need. Let's clear the way and reveal Jesus' way to all we meet.



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

Alfred Ellison, Margaret Meaney, John Cox,  
Malcolm Prince, Thomas Leigh

**Please keep these families in your prayers.**

### **LIVERPOOL PEACE MARCH**

The weekly march through town for peace with justice and for an end to the occupation of Palestine is on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm starting at the RC Cathedral and ending with speakers at Derby Square. All are welcome.

### **CAROLS FOR PALESTINE**

This takes place in Clayton Square, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2 - 3.00pm. All are welcome!

### **CAFOD WORLD GIFTS**

Do you want to give something meaningful as a Christmas gift this year? Why not give a CAFOD World Gift. Each gift is more than a present - it is a way to stand in solidarity with our global neighbours. Every gift is ethical, sustainable and personal and includes helping children starting school, protecting the planet and supporting farmers facing the climate crisis. World Gift Catalogues are available at the back of church. Do take one!

### **CARDS TO PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE**

A word of thanks to everyone who took Christmas cards for Prisoners of Conscience. Please don't forget to send them if you haven't already done so.

### **TOY & TOILETRIES APPEAL**

The Deanery Synodal Council (DSC) would like to thank the North Family of Parishes (consisting of St. Sylvester's, St. John's, St. Michael and Sacred Heart, All Saints and SFX) for their wonderful response to our Toy and Toiletries Appeal this year. Your generosity has been amazing, and all of your donations have now been given to the Metropolitan Cathedral to be passed on to women's refugees here in Liverpool.

### **SVP**

The SVP is an important part of parish outreach. The collection is the first weekend of each month. You are very generous. Thank you.

Christmas is a time when we want to be generous with family and friends, but your time and love are more important than spending money,

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

6.30pm Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> - Children's Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart  
11.00pm Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Vigil Mass at Saint Michael's  
10.30am Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Mass at Saint Michael's

### **COMPANIONS FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Safeguarding regulations insist that Eucharistic Ministers do not visit people alone. We are therefore asking for people who are not Eucharistic Ministers but who have some time to give to this work each month to consider this role. Accompanying our Eucharistic Ministers will be a way of serving those in our community who are unable to attend church but wish to receive the sacrament. Please let Father know if you can be part of this.

### **NUGENT: LIGHT UP A LIFE SERVICE**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at the Cathedral, 12:00 PM  
The annual Light-Up-A Life Service, led by Bishop Tom Williams offers the chance to pause, reflect, and honour loved ones while supporting Nugent's vital work in the local community. At the service, you can write a dedication to honour your loved ones with a personalised message or memory, which will be displayed on a Remembrance Tree throughout Christmas, bringing comfort and connection during the festive season.

For more information and details on how to make a dedication, visit:  
<https://wearenugent.org/event/light-up-a-life-2025/>

### **CAFOD 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY FUN RUN**

Run, jog, walk or wheel your way around the course!  
Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> December, 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)

### **TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS**

Join the Dominican Sisters for a series of free online sessions on Saturdays, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December, 9:00 to 12:00 noon for essential training for catechists and to discover how best to prepare and share our faith with others. Join via the link: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/essential-training-for-catechists-2025-12-06-09-00>

### **CAFOD**

The organization have thanked parishioners for their generous support of their work this year. This has included £338 for the Family Fast and £80 for the Myanmar Earthquake Appeal.