

CHRISTMAS PEACE THOUGHTS

In the light of the Gospel, let us ask God this Christmastide:
that no powerful nation should tax the poor or uproot them;
that no unmarried mother or gay person should be disgraced;
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 here and
in Gaza, Syria, Lebanon, Sudan, Ukraine, Russia, and in Israel;
that children may be preserved from those who would abuse them;
...that this Christmastide,
our worship may become a manger and our church a stable,
and the rumour become a reality that Christ has indeed come among us,
to heal, to transform and to breathe our lives into action.
This we pray in your name, Emmanuel! Amen.

Wild Goose Worship

Fear not, dear ones, for you are children of God.
The treasure you seek to give lies not in the heavens,
but here, deep inside. Open yourselves up
and give the world the treasures creation needs.
You are the light of the world. Shine! Shine! Shine!
Let the light of Christ, the love of God,
and the power of the Holy Spirit shine forth in you! Amen.

Epiphany Benediction: Sr. Joan Chittister OSB

WORTH WATCHING

Follow Aljazeera English online for challenging and insightful world news.

SUNDAY 8.00pm BBC2: PILGRIMAGE WITH SIMON REEVES

The adventurer walks the steps of medieval Britons as he explores the faith, hopes and desires that sustained pilgrims by making his own journey to Jerusalem.

TUESDAY 8.00pm BBC2: A HOUSE THROUGH TIME: TWO CITIES AT WAR

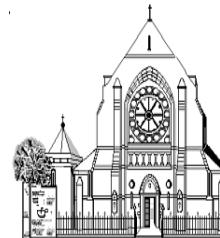
David Olusoga charts the parallel lives of residents in Berlin and London during WWII to explore what life was like, and the impact of war for those citizens.

TUESDAY 8.00pm C4: WHAT NOT TO EAT

Navigates the world of ultra-processed foods, asks what UPFs are doing to our bodies and offers healthier and nutritious alternatives.

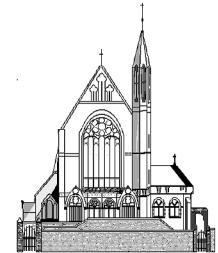
THURSDAY 8.00pm C4: LIVE WELL WITH THE DRUG-FREE DOCTOR

Investigates the UK's dependency on medication and shows how simple lifestyle changes can help improve our wellbeing.



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3rd / 4th January 2nd Sunday of the Nativity P. 111

MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart
Tuesday Epiphany
9.30am St Michael's
700.pm Sacred Heart
Thursday 7.00pm St Michael's
Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart
Sunday 10.30am St Michael's

GOSPEL THOUGHTS: John 1; 1-5, 9-14

'Wisdom has settled among the people.' 'He was in the world that had it's being through Him and the world did not know Him.' The Nativity is about the mystery that the creatures are sharing the divinity of the Creator as the Creator has come to share our humanity.

Emmanuel; 'God is with us' we cry and sing in this season. 'The Word was made flesh'.

So, full of faith, let us enter into the gift of a NEW YEAR, revealing the truth that humanity and divinity are mixed up together.

Our resolutions, decisions and attitude are the ways in which God's presence is revealed in our moment of history. We are trusted with this amazing task.

As were the three kings.



REMEMBERED...during Mass

Andrew Howarth, Michael Brien, Ella Betteley,
John Cox, Margaret Cushion,
Please keep these families in your prayers.

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP

After the Christmas break, the group will reconvene, beginning with a Young Adult Mass on Tuesday 6th January '26 18:30-20:00 at the Pauline Book Centre (Church Street, L1 3AY) in the city centre. Anyone, aged 18-35, is most welcome. No registration required. For more info. contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

PARISH FORUM

The Parish Forum is due to meet on Wednesday, 14th January, 7.00pm in St. Michael's.

This meeting, important for the development of our parish, for sharing ideas and for making plans together, is open to all. Come along and see what happens as we prepare for the future.

PEACE SUNDAY 2026

To commemorate Peace Sunday on 18th January, our weekend masses will focus on this year's theme as shared in Pope Leo's World Peace Day Message, using specially chosen prayers and hymns to help us pray for peace in our hostile world.

PEACE LECTURE

Also, all who wish to deepen their understanding of Pope Leo's message, and reflect on what it means for us today, are warmly invited to this year's Peace Sunday Memorial Lecture at 2.00pm in St. Vincent de Paul Church, Hardy Street, L1 5JN (also on 18th January).

Dr Joanna Frew will speak on the theme, 'Towards an 'Unarmed and Disarming Peace':

Seeking Sustainable Security for an Unstable World.' All are welcome!

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Any young person (Year 8 and above) who wishes to be confirmed in 2026, should complete the registration form with their parent/guardian at: www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk/confirmation. You will be contacted after 13th February when registration closes (probably after Easter), with news about meetings in our area.

Any queries, please see Fr. Fitz.

KNITTING / CROCHETING FOR THOSE IN NEED.

Thank you to all those who have used their skills to contributed with knitted / crocheted squares, blankets and wool. In 2025 we have sent over 150 blankets to Armenia, Africa and Gaza. A fantastic achievement!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Faith in Action Group - Tuesday, 6th January, 5.00pm St Michael's WYA, Session 3 - Tuesday, 13th January 5.30pm, The Irish Centre Parish Forum - Wednesday, 14th January, 7.00pm, St. Michael's.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wishing a happy and peaceful New Year to you and your families around the world. Emmanuel, God is with us!

Our joy will be complete when every person is loved and is loving. Rejoice then, as you go out and love one another!

This is our chance to inject some of Jesus' practices into history.

Our family plans and ambitions, influenced by our reading about Jesus, can help to build a better world.

Let's grab the opportunity.

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.

FAITH/JUSTICE IN ACTION GROUP MEETING

TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY '26, 5.00PM IN ST. MICHAEL'S

We are a small group that meets to explore ways to faithfully respond to local and international issues through prayer, reflection and putting our faith into action. Want to find out more? Then join us to make plans for the coming year! You are very welcome!

CUPPA AFTER MASS

Please join us after mass in the Parish Room on Sunday mornings for a cuppa, a biscuit and a chat. All are welcome.

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.