

**PEACE THOUGHTS  
ON MARY OF NAZARETH**

It is not insignificant that Mary, Queen of Peace, is also Mary of Nazareth and not Mary of Jerusalem, or Mary of Caesarea. The most significant woman of all time came from one of the most insignificant of places. Mary made nothingness visible. It takes a lot of human growing to find value in the valueless—in small places and simple things and powerless people. But that is the basis for peace, both inside of us and in the world around us.

The monastic prayer of Compline always ends with a hymn to Mary. In the Easter season, monastics sing the 'Regina Coeli', or 'Queen of Heaven, Rejoice.' It is amazing that the church's attitude toward Mary has not marked the Church's attitude toward women in general. Perhaps the reason is that we cannot see beyond what culture tells us that women are and so never really come to conversion. Whatever the reason, we all have a lot of 'growing' to do if the woman, Mary, is ever to be seen as God saw women, and saw her.

From 'A Monastery Almanac' by Sister Joan Chittister OSB

**TV WITH A CONSCIENCE**

**TUESDAY 9.00pm BBC1: THE BILLION-POUND SAVING SCANDAL**

With a billion pounds lost each year in failed investment schemes, this film follows investors as they try to unravel the corruption that has led to their losses and challenges the regulators they believe failed them. delves into bereavement issues and explores how to live with loss.

**WEDNESDAY 9.50pm PBS AMERICA: THE PEOPLE vs AGENT ORANGE**

The story of two women who are battling to end the use of the toxic chemical, Agent Orange.

**THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: WHO'S POLLUTING OUR WATER?**

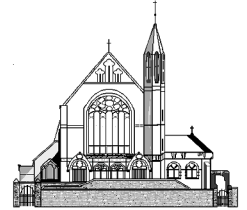
With the UK facing the worst drought since 1976, only 14% of our rivers are in good ecological health. Meanwhile the water companies are recording record profits. This report examines the state of our rivers and asks what is being done to tackle pollution.

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

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**13th/14th Aug 2022 The Assumption P.111**

**MASS TIMES**

***Wednesday 12 noon Sacred Heart***

***Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart***

***Sunday 10.30am St Michael***

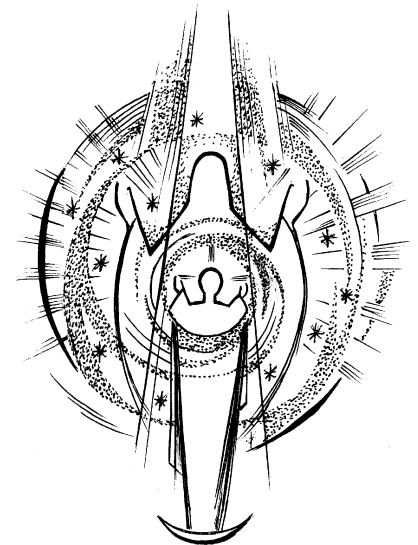
**GOSPEL THOUGHTS Luke 1:39-56**

Once a parent has a child their life is transformed. Good parents reshape their power around the little one.

Before her child was born Mary gave her life to transform the world and history. She was to join her son in turning the world upside down. He would pull down princes from their thrones and lift up the lowly. Full of joy because of her son she was to share his struggle to fill the hungry with good things and send the rich away empty.

Jesus would invite the privileged to use their power to display God's holiness in preferring to care for the little ones. All knowledge, power or wealth is to be exercised, like Mary, in bringing joy and life to all. As her son would bring life stronger than death so Mary may have risen to resurrection.

As the model of the church we too can hope to rise to everlasting life.



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

Martin Carney Jnr., Orla Duggan, Denise Lea  
Ben Kpeglo, P U Mathew Perumpalathusseryil, Ronnie Birch  
and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

**PASTORAL PLAN**

....The new **Deanery Synodal Council** will have a mix of people. Representatives will consist of a lay person from each parish and three priests. After a long and prayerful process we have arrived at our parish representative.

<http://liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk>

**Inside Public Spaces!**

We would always want to be polite to those who are careful/anxious. Therefore we ask you to consider continuing to wear a face mask and to sanitise in church.

**Communion Procedure**

Only leave your seat when all the people in the seats in front of you have left and the seats are empty. When queueing keep a safe distance from the person in front of you.

After communion; at Sacred Heart leave the church on the left and through the sacristy. But at St Michael use the side aisle without returning to your seat or congregating.

**FAMILY BILLS**

There is a real worry for many that income is not meeting the cost of food and fuel. We invite people not to be alone in their worry.

Advice and support is available from the following:

Citizens Advice Bureau

**0300 330 1196**

Kensington Fields Community Centre

**0151 708 9107**

**SVP**

Families who are in trouble are helped through your support of the SVP - Thank you for your generosity. This is one way of accompaniment.

**"God is Present "**

**PARISH FORUM**

Four areas of parish life - which are Liturgy, Catechesis, Finance and Social Concerns - meet occasionally and representatives make up a FORUM. This forum meets with the parish priest quarterly, in the hope that we all influence each other in the development of our community.

**Next meeting Wed. 14th Sept.**

**WYA Catechists 5th September 6pm**

**Eucharistic Ministers meeting Sept 12th, 7.30pm**

**Pax Christi**

is the International Catholic Movement For Peace. Our next meetings are: all Thursdays 2pm, **8th September, 6th October, 3rd November and 8th December.** in St Michael's Parish Rooms. You are welcome.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS**

Our 'With You Always Holy Communion Programme' is completed. Congratulations to all the children who have received their First Holy Communion so far. Only two more. Please make the families welcome when you meet them at Mass. Do keep our schools and young people in your affection and prayers. Our 'Home, School, Parish partnership' is alive and well.

**EMMAUS GROUP**

'God for grownups.' An hour for adults to look at our faith for our own time. A chance for conversations about our life and responsibilities in the light of the gospels. Interested? Next meeting is this Sunday, 24th July.

After the summer break we will resume our meetings on **September 4th, 11th and 18th.**  
**Sundays at 4.00 pm.**

**St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022**

Relics of St Bernadette will be brought to Britain for the very first time in September and October this year. There is a website for further information [stbernadette.org.uk](http://stbernadette.org.uk)