

PEACE THOUGHTS

A true disciple of Jesus will always go to where people are feeling weak, broken, sick, in pain, poor, lonely, forgotten, anxious, and lost. It is hard to go to places of weakness and rejection to offer consolation and comfort.

Henri Nouwen

Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others; this can happen unexpectedly and in any place - on the street, in the city square, during work, on a journey.

Pope Francis

True disciples of Jesus Christ are willing to stand out, speak up, and be different from the people of the world.

They are undaunted, devoted, and courageous!

Active and involved, Christ's disciples do not shy away from the mess or the sin of the world. We can't sit back if we are to transform this needy world of ours. Discipleship is too essential to get the leftovers of our lives. Jesus calls us to, 'seek first the Kingdom of God.'

Russell M. Nelson

So, how are we spending our time, money, and resources? What do they tell us about our priorities and our willingness to be true disciples of Christ?

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

SUNDAY 9.00pm BBC2: WILDERNESS WITH SIMON REEVES

Travels through the most remote and stunning landscapes, beginning in Congo's rainforest, which is home to thousands of amazing animal and plant species.

MONDAY 8.00pm BBC1: BRITAIN'S CRUMBLING SCHOOLS

Recent concerns over crumbling concrete are just the tip of the iceberg as an estimated 700,000 children are currently learning in sub-standard buildings.

THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: MR. BATES & THE POST OFFICE: THE DRAMA THAT SHOCKED BRITAIN

Examines the drama's impact and asks why justice is taking so long.

THURSDAY 9.00pm C4: MINERS' STRIKE 1984: BATTLE FOR BRITAIN

Examines the impact of the year-long dispute and the hostility towards the miners who struggled for justice.

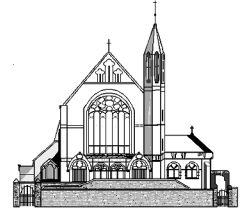
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Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



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MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

N.B. Wednesday 12noon L'Arche Lockerby Rd

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS

Mark 1:14-20



Growing up we have to do household chores. Hot water in the kitchen and the dirty dinner plates might be an early task that makes us 'givers' instead of always being 'takers'. Later, our first wage must be shared, and not selfishly

kept, as we become adults sharing the family budget.

Jonah not only knows God as a friend, but is called to a job bringing God to others. When John the Baptist is arrested Jesus takes on the job that John had been doing and brings news of God's forgiveness. Others are inspired and invited to join up. He is offering jobs to others and some take up the work. They are invited to be 'givers' and not simply 'takers'.

At the beginning of Mark's Gospel we are invited not only to know God, but to bring God to others; our family, place of work; and our circle of friends as well as our enemies.

REMEMBERED
...during Mass

Peter Nicholson, Raymond Evans
Marion Walsh, Owen Mitchell, Tom Cullinan
and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

PASTORAL PLAN - DEANERY NEWS

The Deanery Synodal Council has been working on the concept of 'Families of Parishes'. Discussions are happening to discover any links that already exist between neighbouring communities. Things are developing!

Next meeting Thursday 3rd February

PEACE SUNDAY

Last Sunday was 'Peace Sunday'. Some of you took copies of the Pope's message for the 57th World Day of Peace. It could be interesting to meet up and share what you thought of his concerns and teachings. Do consider attending the next Pax Christi or Faith in Action meetings.

FOOD AT THE PARISH DOOR

We were getting low, but the demand is constant.
Your response has been very generous.
Ring pull cans with a whole meal.
Pasta, noodles and tinned tomatoes too.
Thank you for your generous response.

BAPTISM

Preparation for Baptism for families that live in the parish.
For more information ring **0151 263 6578** and leave a message.

FAITH IN ACTION GROUP MEETING

Wednesday, 24th January at 5.30pm in St. Michael's Parish Rooms.

We are a small group committed to understanding the world we live in and to working for justice. We would love you to join us!
Please come along and find out more.

'AND WE'RE OFF!'

There is a series of four Thursday morning sessions
10.30am-12n00n (8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th February)
taking a look at Mark's Gospel at the Irenaeus Centre,
32 Great Georges Rd. in Waterloo L22 1RD.
For more information, contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

JANUARY/FEB 2024

1st Communion Programme W.Y.A.
Session with Children Tues 30th 5.30pm Irish Centre

Faith in Action

Wed 24th 5.30pm Horne Street

Week of prayer for Christian Unity

Monday 22nd 12noon Assisi School

Tuesday 23rd 12noon Sacred Heart Church

Wednesday 24th 12noon L'Arche, Lockerby Road

Thursday 25th 12noon All Saints, Sheil Road

Friday 26th 12noon Alive Believers, Boaler Street

Pax Christi

Thurs 8th Feb 2.00pm Horne Street

PARISH FORUM

At the meeting on Wednesday 10th January, topics such as, refurbishment of the meeting room, how we can support various ministries, moving forward from our Irenaeus day away, DBSs for our volunteer parishioners. Finally we discussed the exterior of our churches, new signage, especially at Sacred Heart and the pointing of exterior walls. If you feel you could help or have comments to make on any of these items speak to a Forum member.

PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

Please remember those experiencing unspeakable suffering because of war and conflict especially our brothers and sisters in Gaza/Israel, Sudan and Ukraine by visiting Our Lady's altar.

On Tuesdays, 9.00am - 12.00pm. in St. Michael's Church.

Please drop in to church for a short while to pray for those who are suffering because of war and light a candle for peace.

St Vincent's Parish L1 5JN invite you to their Church
6.00pm 2nd February to pray for peace

'JESUS IN THE RUBBLE'

is a prayer focus that mirrors this year's crib scene in the Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, emphasising the reality that if Jesus were born today, it would likely be amidst the horror and devastation of war.
Please light a candle and pray for peace!