

## PEACE THOUGHTS

*We are in this world as God's fellow workers - agents of transfiguration.  
We work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice,  
so there will be more compassion and caring,  
so that there will be more laughter and joy,  
that there will be more togetherness in God's world.*  
Desmond Tutu

If we really listen to the voice of the Lord, we will be transformed and be able to read the signs of the times and discern what we need to do to play our part in building a just society/world.  
The command: 'Listen to him', is a call to action.  
Are you listening to Him? What are you doing?  
Leela Ramdeen

Pope Francis encourages us all, especially young people, to engage in social activism and politics to create a more just world. He said: 'Dear young people, we didn't come into this world to vegetate, to take it easy, to make our lives a comfortable sofa to fall asleep on. No, we came for another reason: To leave a mark....Jesus is the Lord of risk ... not the Lord of comfort, security and ease.

Following Jesus demands a good dose of courage,  
a readiness to trade in the sofa for a pair of walking shoes  
and to set out on new and uncharted paths.'

## TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

### ALJAZEERA NEWS!

Thought-provoking and challenging coverage of world news!

### MONDAY 8.00pm BBC1: ROYAL MAIL: WHERE'S MY POST?

A report on the state of the UK's postal system.

### WEDNESDAY 8.00pm C5: IDENTITY THEFT: DON'T GET CAUGHT OUT

Looks at how criminals are using AI to create new scams.

### WEDNESDAY 9.00pm FILM4: THE FATHER

Oscar-winning drama that takes a perceptive look at dementia and the toll it takes on those close to the afflicted.

### THURSDAY 9.00pm BBC2: DARREN GARVEY: THE STATE WE'RE IN

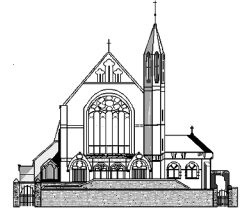
An in-depth and critical look at the nation's public institutions beginning with the justice system.

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

Fr. James Nugent Pastoral Area  
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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**

**Wednesday 12 noon Sacred Heart**

**Ecumenical service Thursday 7.00pm St Michael**

**Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart**

**Sunday 10.30am St Michael**

## **GOSPEL THOUGHTS**

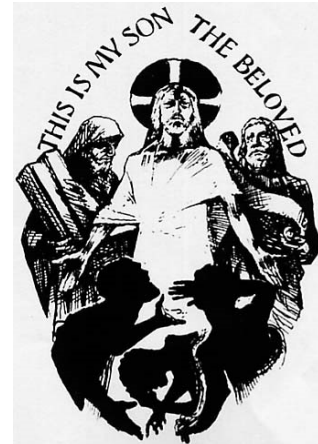
**Mark 9: 2-10**

A mum of two sons remembered the tug of love and loss and said, 'Will I ever see my son's again? Will they ever live in my home again? Parents work with love and patience to prepare their children to leave them.

Preparing youngsters for the world is the task of all families. Selfishness is contrary to the natural way. Abraham, and even God the Father, had to be ready to give their lads to the bigger plan for all humankind.

Jesus goes up a high mountain, like Isaac was taken up a mountain, to discover that their future was to be for all humankind, not simply for themselves.

Parents and their children grow to learn that life is to be spent for others, not simply oneself. All of us are naturally called to grow up, to mature, by discovering others are important for friendships and families. We are all to find our purpose - to make each other complete, not simply to remain selfish.



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

Keith Prince, Maureen Knight, Raymond Evans,  
George Hains, Helen Seddon  
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'. We are to keep company with parishes around us and rediscover some of the things and events we can do together e.g. a novena here and our SVF somewhere else; stations of the cross here and feeding the hungry somewhere else!

**Things are developing!**

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**

**Family Fast Day** is any day this week..

This year's focus will enable fishermen in Liberia to fish safely and sustainably in order to feed their families. Please will you join in by eating simply and giving what you can? Please take your CAFOD envelope.

Find out more about the work of CAFOD at [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

6.15 pm every Friday at St Michael's during Lent.

**'AND WE'RE OFF!'**

There is a series of four Thursday morning sessions  
**10.30am-12noon (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](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)

**CALLING ALL YEAR 8 PUPILS**

If you are in Year 8 and want to be confirmed, please register your interest (before 15<sup>th</sup> March) on the archdiocesan website: [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk) where you will find information about the programme and what happens next.

If you know of a young Catholic who does not attend a Catholic high school, please share this info. with them.

**FEBRUARY 2024**

**Liturgy Group Meeting**

Monday 26th Feb 7.30pm St. Michael's

**W.Y.A** 1st Communion preparation

Session with Children Tues 27th Feb Irish Centre.

**Baptism Programme**

Session 1 on the 8th April 7.30pm at St. Michael's

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE**

Each week of Lent we are all invited to one of our neighbouring churches. It is **OUR TURN** this week. !!!

Thursday evening 29th Feb 7.00pm in St Michael's Church.

**PEACE VIGIL**

As we continue to watch events in Ukraine and the Middle East, we mourn the loss of all those who have been killed.

We long for the suffering and pain to cease and for there to be peace. You are invited to join a Peace Vigil on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, outside Sacred Heart Church, 4.30 - 5.30pm.

**GOD FOR GROWN-UPS**

Adults who wish to enter the Catholic church, prepare for confirmation or gently grow up in their faith should attend a meeting Sunday 3rd March 4.00pm, St Michael, Horne Street.

**Disarming the Heart**

There was a **Liturgy of Repentance for the Nuclear Age**  
On Ash Wednesday.

Nuclear weapons are one of the most urgent challenges to life on our planet.

**PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND**

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.

**'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!