

## PEACE THOUGHTS

'Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world. It is the desire of many people tormented by hunger, injustice and war. It is the desire of the poor, the weak, the abandoned. This is a favourable time to open our hearts, to ask ourselves concrete questions about how and for whom we expend our lives.'

*Pope Francis, Angelus, 2nd December 2018*

'Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God, who became one of us.'

*Pope Francis*

## TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

### SUNDAY 9.15pm BBC2: THE HISTORY OF NOW

Looks at the power of culture in shaping the defining issues of our age with the stories of artists and writers in their fight for truth and democracy.

### TUESDAY 9.35pm BBC4: BRITAIN & THE 3-DAY WEEK

Examines Edward Heath's response to the energy crisis of the early 70's when a confrontation between the government and unions led to a three-day-week.

### THURSDAY 11.00pm ITV1: ON ASSIGNMENT

Reports on the Sandy Hook Massacre, ten years on and visits Italy to explore the legacy of Mussolini in light of the recent election far-right leader, Georgia Meloni.

### FRIDAY 7.30pm C4: KENYA'S BANDITS AND POACHERS

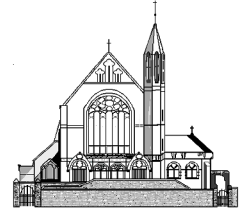
In Kenya, tensions over food are increasingly deadly as the Horn of Africa suffers its worst drought in 40 years.

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

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**First Sunday of Advent**

### **MASS TIMES**

**Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart**

**Tuesday 9.30am St Michael**

**Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart**

**Thursday 7.00pm St Michael**

**Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart**

**Sunday 10.30am St Michael**

### **GOSPEL THOUGHTS Matthew 24:37-44**

"They are coming. Quick, get ready". Advent is the time for focus on appearance and behaviour. Procrastination is the inclination to put things off, "We've got plenty of time yet".

The church, like mum and dad knowing Granny is coming, is warning us to be prepared. Getting ready can be exciting if we imagine a happy time is around the corner, or an anxious time if we are afraid of what is about to arrive.

Our joy or worry depends on whether a friend or foe is to be our visitor. The habit of procrastination could leave us worried about our caller. To be ready by practising what is best for other people might leave us expecting delight.

"Stay awake" is our caller's advice; the church's wisdom.



## REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Frances Burcher, Gary Walsh, Francis McMahon,  
Mary Burrows, Francis Tillotson, Michael Youell  
and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

## PASTORAL PLAN Deanery Synodal Council

Although there have been some delays because of changes to structures in the Archdiocese, the Deanery councils have been meeting to consider two elements of the six-point Pastoral Plan.

The team are keen to let parishes know what they have been discussing through the representatives and to gain feedback so that the process continues to unfold.

<http://liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk>

## 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 in the light of the gospels. Interested?

Our next meetings will be

4.00pm Sunday 27th November. 4th & 11th December

## 77th ANNUAL NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Weekly until: Wednesday 14th December 2022 at 7pm

Venue: St John the Evangelist Church, Fountains Road,

## Energy Bills

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Join a Credit Union. Speak to a Benefits Adviser.

Advice and support is available from the following:

Citizens Advice Bureau 0300 330 1196

Kensington Fields Community Centre 0151708 9107

BIG HELP Boaler Street 0808 275 9931

## PAX CHRISTI

Our next meeting is Thursday 8th December. 2pm,  
in St Michael's Parish Rooms. You are welcome.  
ring Jan on 07591 082195 (or just come along).

## ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

One of our schools celebrated its 150th anniversary last week.

The children learnt about past times, sang songs from different decades and had a Victorian-themed day. Many parents came to special assemblies. VIPs from the Archdiocese also came along and praised the work of the school. Well done to all!

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word started this week. We can only offer this to children between 4-11 years of age. In the future we will be looking for any interested adults to help us.

## With You Always (1st Communion preparation)

The sacramental programme on Reconciliation took place last Tuesday. Thanks to all parents and our young people who attended a lively and worthwhile session. The preparation runs all the way through to May/June of next year. Do welcome our young people and their families throughout.

## WRITE FOR RIGHTS!

PLEASE JOIN US on Wednesday, 30th November from 6.30pm in St. Michael's Parish Rooms to address the Christmas cards our parish will be sending to Prisoners of Conscience across the world. We will also find out about the prisoners and pray for them.

There are seasonal refreshments too! You are very welcome!

## EVENING PRAYER FOLLOWED BY CANTATA

Sunday 27th November at 6.30pm St Columba's Church,  
Pinehurst Rd, Anfield L4 7QU

## ASYLUM LINK MERSEYSIDE

Looking for Christmas cards? ALM have a range of beautiful cards

£5 for 1 pack

£9 for 2 packs

£12 for 3 packs

Available at the back of both churches

## THE IRISH CENTRE

Tea, bingo and a chat, 1-3pm on occasional Thursdays.  
Look out for dates in our next newsletter!