

ADVENT PEACE THOUGHTS

Road building is rough work; hard labour, muscles strained, hands calloused, back near breaking - even with lifting gear, hard-hat and protective boots.

Site clearance is dirty work and dangerous - removing rotten structures, risking unsafe ground, uncovering long-forgotten corruption, the stink too hard to breathe of waste and dereliction.

God, you cry out to us to clear the site, to rebuild the road because you are coming; and you will come on the road that we build.

Give your people, we pray, the will and stamina for the job.

Give us courage to tackle the clearance of debt and exploitation, which corrupt communities and nations. Give us the grit and determination

to straighten out the crooked structures, which make it hard for the poor and weak to journey to freedom - and help us to shout aloud that you are to come along the very road that we build.

Heather Pencavel

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

TUESDAY 9.00pm BBC 2: HOW TO CRACK THE CLASS CEILING

What are the employment chances of the young especially for those at the bottom end of the social ladder.

TUESDAY 9.35pm BBC3: BBC 100 WOMEN IN CONVERSATION

Inspirational women who have influenced society talk about their lives - Billie Eilish shares her thoughts on fame, identity and imposter syndrome.

WEDNESDAY 9.00pm BBC2: I'M AN ALCOHOLIC: INSIDE RECOVERY

Looks at the work of Alcoholics Anonymous as it gets unprecedented access inside an AA meeting to hear stories from an array of people.

THURSDAY 9.00pm C4: I AM RUTH

Award winning female-led drama about Ruth, a concerned mother, who sees her teenage daughter Freya become consumed by the pressures of social media.

FRIDAY 7.30pm C4: MEXICO'S PSYCHEDELIC TOADS

Investigates concerns over a psychedelic drug derived from the venom of a toad being sold in Mexico as a possible cure for mental illness and drug addiction.

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THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART

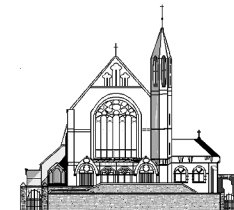
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Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



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MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS Matthew 3:1-12

How difficult is it to make peace or forgive after a heated moment? Are you able to admit a mistake or does your pride get in the way? Is the bad feeling kept alive because you don't want to revisit the quarrel?

It is in the time of dispute that the Prince of Peace is needed. A shoot or scion thrusts up exactly from the cut or wound of the plant. It is from the heart of the row or spat that the new possibility arrives. We must be people of repentance; the site of the clash is the very place for the new life to sprout.

It is we good people who make mistakes that are to be the place that God comes with healing and new life. Isaiah, St Paul and St John the Baptist all call us to be the way Christ comes this Advent.



REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Frances Burcher, Bernard Jackson, Francis McMahon,
Mary Burrows, Thomas Leigh, John Gildea
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 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

Don't be alone with your worries.

Use less. Keep your Bills. Get in touch with your supplier.

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

CATHOLIC PIC

The Catholic Pic for December is available.
Catholic Schools are featured in the 'PIC'

SCHOOL CHILDREN IN SACRED HEART CHURCH

Tuesday 6th Dec. 2.00pm 'Christingle'

Mon 19th Dec. 2.00pm 'Nativity Story'

You are welcome.

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!

With You Always (1st Communion preparation)

The sacramental programme on Reconciliation took place early November. 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!

Our parishioners will be sending Christmas cards to Prisoners of Conscience across the world. Please take a card or two. The envelope is already addressed. Your job is to read the slip about their plight in the card. Keep this slip at home, write a message and take the card to the post office and buy the stamp necessary to send it abroad. Remember your prisoner and pray for them.

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).

THE IRISH CENTRE

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

FOOD AT THE PARISH DOOR

Your contributions and kindness goes a long way.
Ring pull cans with a whole meal.
Pasta, noodles and tinned tomatoes too.
Thank you for your response.