

PEACE THOUGHTS

'Having doubts and fears is not a sin...

The sin is to allow these fears to determine our responses, to limit our choices, to compromise respect and generosity, to feed hostility and rejection... The sin is to refuse to encounter the other, the different, the neighbour, when this is in fact a privileged opportunity to encounter the Lord ... to overcome our fears so as to encounter the other, to welcome, to know and to acknowledge him or her.'

'Openness to God makes us open towards the marginalized of this world, and gives us the courage to leave the confines of our own security and comfort to become bruised, hurting and dirty as we joyfully approach the suffering other in a spirit of solidarity.'

'Even in the developed world, the effects of unjust structures and actions are all too apparent. Our efforts must aim at restoring hope, righting wrongs, maintaining commitments, and thus promoting the well-being of individuals and of peoples.'

Pope Francis Quotes

WORTH WATCHING!

TUESDAY 9.00pm BBC4: A HISTORY OF BRITAIN

Series charting the history of Britain, starting over 4,000 years ago.

WEDNESDAY 8.00pm BBC4: MICHAEL PALIN'S NEW EUROPE

Visits countries formerly behind the Iron Curtain where they are still coming to terms with the bloody wars that created them.

THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: WHEN CAN I SEE MY GP?

While patients increasingly struggle to get an appointment to see their doctor, it's reported that 42% of GPs are planning to leave the profession in the next 5 years, placing even greater strain on the NHS. How can we fix the nation's primary care?

THURSDAY 9.00pm ITV1: BRITAIN'S NOTORIOUS PRISON: STRANGWAYS

Featuring first hand testimonies of inmates and staff revealing what life is like behind the walls of Strangeways.

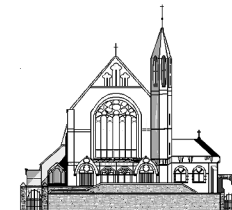
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MASS TIMES

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 Matt 3:13-17

When you are old enough to go to the shops for your mum she would have been very clear about what you are to do. We don't learn to ride a bike without a parent running along side us to encourage us. Most paid jobs begin with an initiation about what to do and a line manager.

Jesus is at the beginning of his mission and his Dad is keen to be on his shoulder endorsing him to his public. Our Father who delights in him, prepares him for the task filling him with Spirit and with power.

We are all baptised and sent on the mission of spending our life as God's Children. Chosen and God's delight we are to go about doing good and bringing peace and justice to each situation we find ourselves in.



REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Joyce Rhoden, Irene Crosby, Annamma George,
Tony Hunt, Rose Ann Fitzsimons, Francis Griffin
and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

PASTORAL PLAN

Deanery Synodal Council

<http://liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk>

Things are under way.

Members of the council are intent on gathering catechists from across the deanery to congratulate and encourage parishioners who give their time to for preparation for reconciliation and communion.

Six Areas of Development

1. Becoming a church that accompanies people through life
2. Becoming a church that honours the vocation of all the baptised
3. Becoming a church where synodality is embedded
4. Becoming a church that renews its organisational structures and administers its property to serve its mission.
5. Becoming a church where young people and young adults flourish.
6. Becoming a church that cares for its priests.

One of the four sign posts that emerged from the work that we in our local church have been doing over the last few years is

“Embed synodality in every aspect of archdiocesan life.”

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.

DEANERY JUSTICE AND PEACE MEETING

Wednesday, 25th January, 5.30pm in St. Michael's, Horne St.
You are welcome!

FUNERAL

Roseanne Fitzsimons 12.00 noon Mon 9th at St Michael's.

Please keep Pope Benedict in your prayers.

Sky News covered the whole service and translated Pope Francis homily. Catholics all over the world were joined together in prayer and were encouraged. Do catch the pictures on the television and other devices.

PEACE SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY '23

This year's message from Pope Francis is titled: *'No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace'*.

In it he asks us: 'What did we learn from the pandemic? What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see, to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place?' We will reflect on these questions as we celebrate **PEACE SUNDAY** during next weekend's masses.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING

Monday 23rd January Horne St., 7.30pm
All welcome.

With You Always (1st Communion preparation)

Children's First Reconciliation Service

Thank you to all the families that attended the First Reconciliation Service. Despite the terrible weather conditions nearly all the families turned up to a joyful and meaningful Service.

Our next session is January 24th, 5.30pm at The Irish Centre.

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?
4.00pm, Sunday, 29th Jan '23 5th & 12th February '23