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ADVENT REFLECTION

Waiting for God led by Fr Ned Wall



Fr Ned Wall has a strong devotion to Archbishop Oscar Romero and spent eleven years as a priest in rural Peru. He is currently parish priest of the three parishes of All Saints, Ashton-on-Mersey, Our Lady of Lourdes, Partington, St Margaret Ward, Sale and is a member of the Diocesan J&P Commission.

Sunday, 14 December, 4.30 - 6.30

**Wistaston Hall, 89 Broughton Lane,
Wistaston, Crewe CW2 8JS**

The reflection will be followed by seasonal refreshments, and it would be helpful if you could let us know if you are intending to be present. Contact Joan.

Christmas presents with a difference!

EducAid Sierra Leone

Running out of good ideas for Christmas presents? Why not do something different this year and make a difference to someone's future?

Buy a gift certificate from EducAid Sierra Leone, a charity providing free education to over 1000 young people, including former child soldiers, orphans, refugees and girl mothers. (See article in *MouthPeace* Issue 63)

£1 buys 1 dozen exercise books (Each student will use about 8 books each month)

£6 buys a bench

£14 buys a table

£22 buys a 50kg sack of rice

EducAid uses approximately 60 bags of rice per month to feed 1000 students

£30 covers the costs of employing a teacher for 1 week

£120 covers the costs of employing a teacher for one month (EducAid has 20 paid teachers)

020 8423 5057 email james@educaid.org.uk

www.educaid.org.uk

Registered charity no: 1048012

www.merlanderwent.org.uk

This project 'encourages prayerful support of ordinary Palestinians'. Offering information about the current situation, it also sells crafts made by the Palestinian Christian community - many from around Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Many Palestinian Christians are trying to eke out a living through carving olive wood and doing cross stitch needlework intended for the tourist industry - severely restricted in the current circumstances. John Logan, who runs this initiative, formerly worked for Christian Aid in the North-West.

Suggestions for Action & Reflection

- **Correction to the J&P Calendar:** The World Health Organisation is no longer responsible for World Aids Day. In the UK activities are coordinated by the National Aids Trust with a specific website at worldaidsday.org. For a global view see unaids.org. Positive Rites is a resource book of liturgies and prayers on various HIV-related themes including liturgies for World AIDS Day (£5.00) and is available for Positive Catholics positivecatholics.googlepages.com.
- Most parishes wishing to send greetings cards to Prisoners of Conscience are using the list provided by Amnesty International, whilst not condoning all the organisation's views. (See QNN October 07 on website for Commission Statement.) Other organisations with similar concerns are: Action by Christians Against Torture acatuk.org.uk Christian Solidarity Worldwide csw.org.uk and Jubilee Campaign jubileecampaign.co.uk
- Encourage young people aged 15-18 to respond to Pax Christi's *Peace Challenge 09*, using film to answer the questions: 'What do you think about conflict and violence? How do they affect young people? How are you and your friends making a difference?'. paxchristi.org.uk
- If you would prefer to receive QuickNews Network electronically as a pdf in future, please email Joan and let her know.

Newman Associations

Manchester & North Cheshire Circle:

Nov 3 *Understanding the Psalms* Richard Atherton

Dec 1 *Spirituality & Aging* Albert Jewell

St Benedict's Church Hall, 10 Hall Road, Handforth SK9

3AD. Eucharist or other liturgy 7.30 pm. Talk at 8.15.

Contact Chris Quirke 0161 941 1707.

Circle Website: phavard.demon.co.uk

Chester & Wirral:

Nov 15 *The Minnesota Model* Jim McCartney

Dec 6 *Working for Justice & Peace* Joan Sharples

4 Hamilton Street, Chester CH2 3JG

Contact Joseph O'Neill 01244 322440

jmoneill@btinternet.com

D I A R Y

OCTOBER

- 24 United Nations Day**
unmeditation.org/
- 24 Chester Cathedral From Power to Poverty** Speaker: Duncan Green (Oxfam). Tickets £6.50. Contact 01244 304618.
- 25 Aid to the Church in Need**
The Torch of Charity Our Lady of Grace Church, Fairfax Road, Prestwich, Manchester M25 1AS. 11.30 Mass followed by lunch and ACN speakers on Zimbabwe and Central Asia. Contact Mike Cowie 020-8661-5154
- 27-2 Global Week of Action on Cluster Munitions**
Landmine Action 020 7820 0222 landmineaction.org

NOVEMBER

- 7 Explosions, Simmering Embers and Bright Sparks** A day for Christian survivors of sexual abuse 10.00-4.30 Warrington Methodist Church, Bold Street. Cost £30 - waged £20 unwaged (lunch included). Contact Col 01925 245565 developmentworker@tesco.net
- 8 Stockport Fairtrade Fair**
Stockport College (opposite Town Hall). 10.00 -3.00. Large variety of stalls plus refreshments.
- 8 Inter-Faith Payer Vigil for World Peace** St Agnes Church, Darmonds Green, West Kirby, Wirral CH48 5DU. 3.00-4.00.
- 8 Faith & Justice Retreat**
Stephen Hoyland leads a day using the *Examen* prayer practice to raise environmental awareness. (£7 contribution) 10.00-4.00 Loyola Hall, Warrington

Road, Rainhill, Prescot
0151 426 4137
loyola@clara.net.

- 8 New Brighton From Violence to Wholeness** workshop CANCELLED.
- 11 Remembrance Sunday**
Contact Peace Pledge Union for white poppies 0207 424 9444
- 9-15 Prisons Week &**
- 16 Prisoners' Sunday**
Contact PACT (Prison Advice & Care Trust) for resources 020 7490 3139 prisonadvice.org.uk
- 12-13 Merseyside Asylum Seekers Health (MASH)**
Speaker: Canon Professor Nicolas Sagovsky, Canon Theologian at Westminster Abbey. The CASA, 29, Hope Street, Liverpool L1 9BQ. Contact 0151 709 2148.
- 14 CAFOD Quiz** 7.30pm Our Lady's Parish Centre Ellesmere Port CH65 8BY (for further details contact Tony Walsh 0151 355 6419).
- 14 CAFOD Pope Paul Memorial Lecture** *That Day the Earth Shall Tell Her Stories*. Speaker: Professor Mona Siddiqui. London. Tickets £6.00. Contact Cafod 020 7095 5568 cafod.org.uk/PaulVILecture
- 16 Hereford Cathedral RoadPeace** World Day of Remembrance and Hope. A Service for Road Victims and for all those involved - families, friends and the emergency services. 3.30 pm. Organised by Hereford (CE) Diocese. Contact Jackie Boys j.boys@hereford.anglican.org 01432 373311.
- 20 ECCR** (Ecumenical Council

for Corporate Responsibility) annual open debate: *Migrant Workers in the Economy*, 4.30 – 6.00 pm Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ. RSVP miles.litvinoff@eccr.org.uk, 020 8965 9682.

- 23 Ecumenical Worship**
inspired by the *Iona Community Reflections* St Nicholas Church, Newport, 6.30 pm. Contact John Fowler 01952 812458 iona.org.uk.
- 26 Chester World Development Forum with University of Chester**
Feed the World - at what cost? Speaker: Brie O'Keefe (Progressio) Beswick Building, University of Chester campus. 7.30pm. Contact 01244 678087/350323.
- 27 Aldermaston Blockade**
Contact Christian CND 020 7700 4200/2393 ccnd.gn.apc.org

DECEMBER

- 1 World Aids Day** UK theme for World AIDS Day 2008 is 'Respect & Protect: Together we can stop the spread of HIV and end HIV prejudice.' Contact National AIDS Trust 0207 814 6730 worldaidsday.org
- 3 World Migration Day** See Catholic Church in England & Wales website catholic-ew.org.uk
- 7 Hereford Cathedral Crypt**
Christmastide Service of Quiet Reflection for those affected by, or concerned about, drugs and alcohol. 5.30 pm. Organised by Hereford (CE) Diocese. Contact Jackie Boys j.boys@hereford.anglican.org 01432 373311.

Please send me your dates and news, so that they can be included in future editions of the
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- 9 **Merseyside Asylum Seekers Health (MASH) UN - 60 Years of Progress** Speaker: Gill Miller The CASA, 29, Hope Street, Liverpool L1 9BQ. Contact 0151 709 2148.
- 10 **UN Human Rights Day** unmeditation.org/
- 13 **Inter-Faith Payer Vigil for World Peace** St Agnes Church, Darmonds Green, West Kirby, Wirral CH48 5DU. 3.00-4.00.
- 14 **J&P Advent Reflection** (see over).
- 14 **Ludlow** St John's (CE) Christmas Service for those affected by drugs and alcohol. 6.30 pm. The service will recognise the pain experienced both by those affected by addiction and their families and will offer support and hope this Christmastide. Contact: Revd Preb Ann Barge 01584 877307

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JANUARY

- 10 **Chester & Wirral Newman Association Conflict Resolution** Speaker: Fr Owen Hardwicke, Pax Christi. 4 Hamilton Street, Chester CH2 3JG. Contact 01244 322440.
- 18 **Peace Sunday "Combating Poverty : Building Peace"** Contact Pax Christi 020 8203 4884 paxchristi.org.uk
- 18-25 **Week for Prayer for Christian Unity "Reconcile Your People."** Contact CTBI 0207 654 7254 ctbi.org.uk
- 27 **Holocaust Memorial Day** hmd.org.uk
- 31-8 **Poverty and Homelessness Action Week 'Voices from the Edge'** actionweek.org.uk

FEBRUARY

- 14 **Chester & Wirral Newman Association** Spring Conference Contact 01244 322440.
- 20 **World Day of Social Justice** un.org/esa/socdev/social/intldays/IntlJustice/
- 22 **Ecumenical Worship** inspired by the **Iona Community Service & Healing** St Nicholas Church, Newport, 6.30 pm. Contact John Fowler 01952 812458 iona.org.uk.
- 23 - 9 **Fairtrade Fortnight Make it Happen: Choose Fairtrade** Contact Fairtrade Foundation 020 7405 5943 fairtrade.org.uk

MARCH

- 6 **CAFOD Lent Fast Day** Contact CAFOD 020 7733 7900 cafod.org.uk CAFOD Shrewsbury 01244 677594.
- 6 **Women's World Day of Prayer "In Christ There are Many Members Yet One Body"**, prepared by the women of Papua New Guinea. Contact WWDP 01892 541411 wwdp-natcomm.org
- 14 **Chester & Wirral Newman Association Universal Charity - Eucharist & Hospitality** Speaker: Mr Francis Davis, Von Hugel Institute, Cambridge. 4 Hamilton Street, Chester CH2 3JG. Contact 01244 322440.
- 23 **Ecumenical Worship** inspired by the **Iona Community Fencing in God's People** Trinity Church, Newport, 6.30 pm. Contact John Fowler 01952 812458 iona.org.uk.

APRIL

- 10 **Chester & Wirral Newman Association St Tomas Fund for the Homeless** Speaker: Fr Mark, Greyfriars College, Oxford. 4 Hamilton Street, Chester CH2 3JG. Contact 01244 322440.
- 12 **Easter Sunday**
- 26 **Ecumenical Worship** inspired by the **Iona Community Activism or Contemplation** St Nicholas Church, Newport, 6.30 pm. Contact John Fowler 01952 812458 iona.org.uk.

MAY

- 10-16 **Christian Aid Week** 020 7620 4444 christian-aid.org.uk

JUNE

- 5 **World Environment Day** unep.org/wed
- 7 **Campaign Against Arms Trade Christian Network Day of Prayer** Contact CCAT 020 7281 0297 caat.org.uk
- 15 - 21 **Refugee Week** Contact Refugee Council 020 7346 6752 refugeeweek.org.uk

JULY

- 5 **Day for Life** dayforlife.org
- 12 **Sea Sunday** apostleshipofthesea.org.uk
- 17-19 **National J&P Conference A-Mazed by Migration** National J&P Network justice-and-peace.org.uk

AUGUST

- 6 & 9 **Anniversaries of first use of atomic weapons at Hiroshima & Nagasaki.** Pax Christi 020 8203 4884 paxchristi.org.uk CND 020 7700 2393 cnduk.org