

PEACE THOUGHTS

'Once again, brothers and sisters, I renew my invitation to pray for people who suffer the horror of war in Ukraine and the Holy Land, as well as in other parts of the world.'

Pope Francis

O God of all, our hearts are broken into pieces at the suffering and murder of your people. Our voices cry for peace and for justice.

Comfort those who grieve, console and heal the injured; be close to those in fear, restrain those who perpetrate violence.

Send us your wisdom in all that we say and do, that our voice may always seek justice, peace and security for all.

You, Lord, are the source of all hope, send your Spirit to bring about a future, where neighbours embrace despite their differences, where love conquers hate, humility surpasses pride, and where forgiveness is treasured as a fundamental strength. May the hope of a day when weapons of conflict will be transformed into tools of reconciliation be realised soon, so there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things will have passed away.

Amen.

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

ALJAZEERA NEWS!

Thought-provoking and challenging coverage of world news!

MONDAY 8.00pm PAYING MORE FOR LESS: COUNCILS IN CRISIS

Why are so many councils across the UK in such financial crisis?

MONDAY 10.00pm C4: WHITE'S ONLY:

AN EXTREMIST ADVENTURE

Ade Adepitan spends a week in Orania, an exclusively white town in South Africa, to try to understand why they are so eager to create a society where multi-culturalism seems to have no place.

WEDNESDAY 9.00pm BBC3: THE TRUTH ABOUT VAPING

Sets out to uncover the truth about the dangers associated with vaping.

THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: RIPPING OFF THE ELDERLY

Looks at the financial abuse of older people by those in positions of trust.

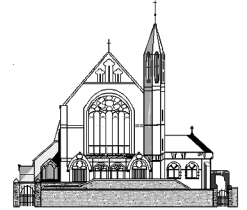
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Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



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Funeral Monday 12noon Sacred Heart Thomas Clisham

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

Wednesday 12 noon St Michael

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

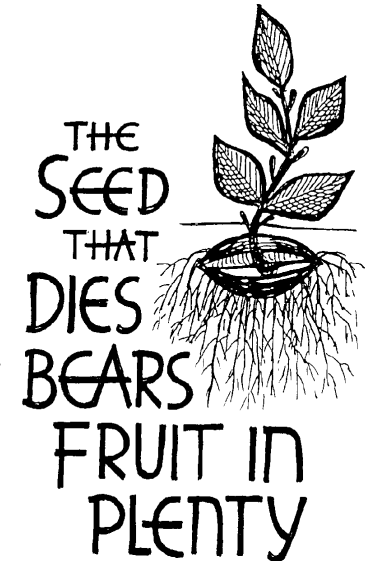
Sunday 10.30am St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS **John 12: 20-30**

"I'm not going out there, the weather is foul" and "You'll never get me on an airplane." are sentiments of cautious people. Those who love one another sometimes risk everything and spend their life together; beyond caution.

Why did Jesus say we must know how to lose our life to save it? Was it because He had to spend his life unselfishly even for his enemies: those people with power and influence, who used their position selfishly? He was to invite those who would hurt him to know they were loved and that they needed to change.

He had to live for others even if those others might reject him and possibly kill him. The task could only be completed beyond ordinary caution: risking everything. Lets live wisely, beyond selfishness.



REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Letty Russell, Milan Duzda, Thomas Clisham,
George Haines, Jose Mathew, Sebastian Moore
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 SVP somewhere else; stations of the cross here and feeding the hungry somewhere else!

Things are developing!

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Thank you. Please don't forget to hand in your envelopes Find out more about the work of CAFOD at www.cafod.org.uk Please sign the letter to the UK Foreign Secretary, David Cameron, calling for a ceasefire in the Israel/Gaza war.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

PEACE VIGILS

'We long for suffering and pain to cease and for there to be peace.'

WATCH OUT FOR THE NEXT DATE! and join us for one hour outside Sacred Heart Church and add your voice to the cry for hostilities to cease and for peace in our world?

CALLING ALL YEAR 8 PUPILS

If you registered for Confirmation your school will let you know the next steps.

SAINT MICHAEL'S SCHOOL INSPECTION REPORT

The school was visited by Ofsted last month and the report has now been published. The main findings are that the school is good in all categories and outstanding when it comes to children's behaviour and attitudes to learning. This reflects the dedicated efforts made by all involved in the school - staff (both classroom and support), parents and guardians, governors, and of course, the children. A most deserved congratulations to Mrs Rigby, the leadership team, and all the staff at the school; they bring such skill and talent to their work of drawing out the abilities and gifts of all the children.

MARCH 2024

Faith and Justice Meeting

Wednesday 20th March St Michael's at 5.30pm

Pax Christi Film Night Meeting

'Encounter Point': A *Just Vision* documentary exploring the efforts of nonviolent activists in Israel and Palestine.
2pm, Thursday 21st March in Parish Rooms, St Michael's

QUIZ NITE

Will you support the solidarity work of Liverpool Friends of Palestine and have a great night out on Friday 22nd March, 7pm at Ullet Road Unitarian Church, L17 2AA
Entrance: £9 / £5 concessions. Buses: 80 and 60.
Food and drink (donation only). Palestinian goods for sale.

REQUIRED URGENTLY - CATECHISTS

Are you interested in sharing your faith? We are looking for people to join our enthusiastic team of catechists. We particularly need people to help at the 'Liturgy of the Word for children.' Come along and have a look. If you're interested, training and support is available. Interested? Speak to Fr. Fitz or one of the catechists.

W.Y.A FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

Session with Children Tues 23rd April Irish Centre.

BAPTISM PROGRAMME

Session 1 (of 2) on the 8th April 7.30pm at St. Michael's.

GOD FOR GROWN-UPS (AGAIN)

Adults who wish to enter the Catholic church, prepare for confirmation or gently grow up in their faith, should attend a meeting Sunday, 10th March 4.00pm, St Michael's, Horne Street.

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 the horror and devastation of war and light a candle for peace before the prayer focus,

'JESUS IN THE RUBBLE'