

PEACE THOUGHTS

'We are told that there is no way other than the violent military way. But I believe that this is the most destructive way, and that there are others. I wish to remind all of us that there does exist an alternative: negotiations, peace, optimism, a true will to live in equality, safety and freedom.

We, the young people, must understand the full implications of such a choice. We need to understand its consequences for our society. After having deliberated these issues, I took the decision to refuse.

I am not scared of the military prison - what truly frightens me is our society losing its humanity. Even if I must pay a personal price for my refusal, this price will be worthwhile if it helps to place the occupation of Palestine on the agenda of Israeli public discourse.'

These are the words of Tair Kaminer, a young Israeli woman who repeatedly refused to serve in the Israeli military. She has spent more than 150 days in prison.

As we commemorate Conscientious Objectors Day this weekend, let's thank God for the Tair's courageous witness and pray for all suffering in the ongoing and escalating violence in Palestine/Israel that they might seek reconciliation and peace.

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

SATURDAY 9.00pm BBC2: JOHN LENNON: A LIFE IN FILM

The musician's life is explored through a series of memorable images.

THURSDAY 7.30pm ITV1: E-SCOOTERS: BRITAIN'S NEW ROAD RAGE

How green and how safe are they?

THURSDAY 9.00pm BBC1: SUBNORMAL

Examines one of the biggest scandals in the history of British education - a system that was rigged against black children, so limiting their future life chances.

FRIDAY 7.30pm C4: UPROOTED BY THE CLIMATE CRISIS

With hunger and child malnourishment growing, the exodus of migrants to the USA is increasing. This film follows a Central American farmer who has been forced to flee the dire effects of climate change.

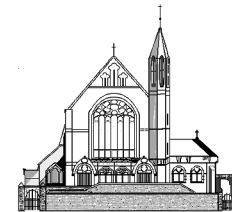
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15th/16th May '21 7th Sunday of Easter Yr B p.275

MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael's

Wednesday 12noon Funeral at St Michael's

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael's

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael's

GOSPEL THOUGHTS Jn 17: 11-19

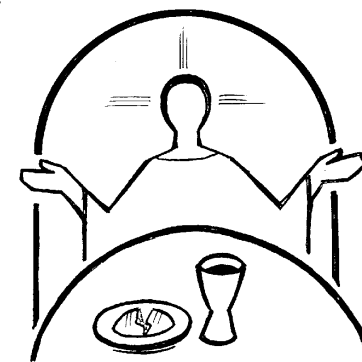
We mostly enjoy belonging. We gather our identity from being a Red or a Blue; perhaps a Scouser or just a member of our family. To not belong can be an uncomfortable sensation.

Since God became one of his own creatures, Mary's child, we belong to God as family as well as being made. We have been sought out, wanted and nourished. Living among us and teaching us how to be a thorough human being, Jesus' job well done, he returns to the Father where he belongs.

At the Ascension he did not leave his humanity behind, like dirty linen, but mixed our humanity with his divinity. "Where he the head has gone we the body are sure to follow."

"May we share the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share our humanity." What a belonging?

HAPPY EASTER!



**MAY THEY
ALL BE ONE**

REMEMBERED

...during Mass
Teresa Georgeson, Mary Canning, Eileen Burke,
Patricia McMahon, Ann Barrett,
and members of our own families
who have gone before us.

SYNOD 2020-2021-2022 PROGRESS IS HAPPENING

Go on line: synod2020.co.uk

This weekend is the third weekend of taking a closer look at the recommendations of the Synod. Last weekend we looked at five recommendations this week we are looking at the remaining eight.

Synod members will have shared all 19 recommendations over three weeks. The recommendations are a result of the journey we have been on over the past two years. From sharing the themes at weekend mass and inviting your feedback we have now arrived at the 'recommendations'.

We invite you once again to prioritise those recommendations you feel are most important- we look forward to your feedback in the coming weeks. (please return the leaflets) It will be the task of your Synod members to vote in June on these recommendations. The recommendations are also summarised in the Catholic Pictorial and on the website www.synod2020.org.uk. Speak to one of your members if you have any queries (Jan, John, Samwin & Fr Fitz).

After the SYNOD, the voting done

A Pastoral Plan Group will turn the results of the SYNOD into a plan for the future development of the church in our district/archdiocese.

The growth of the local church will be influenced by the priorities and values of local families.

The Plan will be given to us on the
1st Sunday of Advent 28th November
(the Church's new year)

LET US PRAY

Come Holy Spirit,

fill our hearts with wisdom, love and courage.

Guide us in prayer and action

as we journey towards Synod 2021

to become the Church you are calling us to be in 2022.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Remain careful for
those you love and meet.
STAY CAUTIOUS!**

LOCK DOWN GUIDANCE

DANGER * DANGER * DANGER
PLEASE CONSIDER WEEKDAY MASS
INSTEAD OF SUNDAY.

Some parishioners cannot come in on Sunday
after 50-60 have arrived before them.

The Archbishop wants you to know that your obligation, in this 'Lock Down' period, can be fulfilled during the week. YES! You can attend mass Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Saturday and take the pressure off Sunday morning.
Let us all work to avoid another Lock Down.

The guidance for Places of Worship.

You can leave home to attend/visit a place of worship.

If you do, you should follow the protocol of

Hands, Face and Space. There must be no clustering.

Opening is possible because of the service of our stewards who welcome, guide and then clean the church after you have left.

The government has heard of the safe, one-way system in our churches and know you are not likely to catch anything or infect others if you visit church and strictly keep to 'One Way'.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Please pray for all the Year 5 (last year's y4) children who are currently making their First Holy Communion. Due to Covid these children have waited a year to receive the sacrament.

At the moment the current year 4 children are signing up to join an abridged programme. They will make their communion later in the year.

Please keep all these families in your prayers.