

## PEACE THOUGHTS

A Palestinian mother enduring the current conflict in Gaza wrote:

**'Tonight I put the kids to sleep in our bedroom so that when we die, we die together and no one of us would live to mourn the loss of the others.'**

Policies of governments around the world, including the UK, are denying mothers the right to see their children live without fear and grow up without painful trauma and violence.

More than half of the UK's exports go to the Middle East. Exports from the UK to Israel include sniper and assault rifles, pistols, weapon sights, targeting equipment, ammunition for small arms and grenades, smoke canisters, tanks, combat and military helicopters, military support and combat aircraft - all of which help arm the disproportionate and massive Israeli assault on Palestinians and their oppression on a daily basis.

We cannot just lament the situation in Palestine - we are called to act.

Here's what we could do:

**Sign the petition to stop all UK weapons sales to Israel using this link:**

<https://r.ippl.es/israel-arms-trade/>

**Watch Aljazeera News for the latest information  
235 Freeview / 622 Virgin Media / 513 Sky**

**PRAY FOR RECONCILIATION AND PEACE IN PALESTINE/ISRAEL  
NEXT THURSDAY, 6 PM, IN ST.MICHAEL'S CHURCH.**

## TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

### SUNDAY 6.00pm SMITHSONIAN: SACRED SITES

Explores the astonishing role of women in the ancient world and the catastrophes that have destroyed cultures in the past.

### WEDNESDAY 9.00pm BBC2: THE BLACK AMERICAN FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

Film examining how and why in recent decades, when presented with the chance, the US has failed to become a more equal and just society.

### FRIDAY 7.30pm C4: THAILAND'S TIGER KINGDOMS

Tracks down the kingpins who have made millions out of poaching and smuggling Thailand's wild tigers.

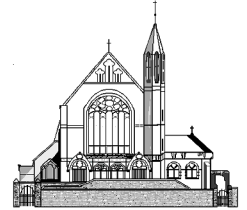
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## **THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART**

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Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



**22nd May/ 23rd May Pentecost Sunday Yr. B**

### **MASS TIMES**

**Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart**  
**Tuesday 9.30am St Michael's**  
**Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart**  
**Thursday 7.00pm St Michael's**  
**Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart**  
**Sunday 10.30am St Michael's**

### **GOSPEL THOUGHTS Jn 20: 19-23**

To be sent on a message could be a nuisance, but might be exciting. If we are too busy with our own agenda, a message is an extra chore. If the message is to our advantage, we could set about it with energy.

Jesus meets us, as he did the disciples. Our anxiety can blot out the opportunity to work on the task he gives us. He dispenses peace to heal our worries and wants us to bring joy to others.

We can only do this work if we bring relief to the fears and mistakes of all we meet. What a privilege the Holy Spirit brings us, Forgiveness, Peace and Joy instead of guilt and mistakes. Let's celebrate and spread this amazing gift with everyone we meet. We all received this gift and task when we were confirmed. **HAPPY EASTER and PENTECOST!**



## REMEMBERED

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

## SYNOD 2020-2021-2022 PROGRESS IS HAPPENING

Go on line: [synod2020.co.uk](http://synod2020.co.uk)

Thanks to everyone for your feedback over the last few weeks  
Do return any leaflets if you still need to complete them.  
Weekend 19th /20th June Synod members will be voting  
on the recommendations.

### 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.*

## PROTEST FAST

Fr Denis, of SFX, will fast for 24hrs in response to Govt. cuts to  
Overseas aid starting with mass 12noon on Thursday 3rd of June.  
You are welcome to support him at mass and on his 'Just Giving'  
page. Do let your M.P. know this is happening.

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.