

## PEACE THOUGHTS

### **REMEMBERING THOSE WHO CHOOSE ANOTHER WAY**

Every year on May 15th we remember conscientious objectors both past and present. Around the world many people are imprisoned or forced to flee their homelands for refusing to join the armed forces. Today we stand in solidarity with them, as well as celebrating the memory of those throughout history who have resisted conscription.

Here is the story of one young man who refused to fight:

'In 1916 when compulsory military conscription was introduced to replace the vast number of men being killed and injured, Walter was 21. Like most people he could not quite understand why England was fighting the Germans who posed no threat, but unlike many young men he did not want to kill anyone, least of all total strangers who were doing him no harm.

Like tens of thousands of others he refused to be conscripted and became a conscientious objector. Sentenced to hard labour, he died three months later of exposure in a cold leaking tent in a bleak quarry in Aberdeenshire.'

'War will exist until that distant day when the conscientious objector enjoys the same reputation and prestige that the warrior does today.'

John F. Kennedy

### TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

#### MONDAY 9.00pm BBC1: JOE WICKS: FACING MY CHILDHOOD

From a background of family mental health issues and addiction, the celebrity offers insights from his own life that he hopes will support others coping with similar difficulties?

#### MONDAY 8.30pm C4: THE TRUTH ABOUT NIKE & ADIDAS

Despite their advertising claims about sustainability, if the trainer industry was a country, it would be the world's 17<sup>th</sup> largest polluter! So, what's the truth behind our trainers?

#### MONDAY 9.00pm C4: ELON MUSK: SUPERHERO OR SUPERVILLAIN?

Is Musk the greatest inventor and businessman the world has ever seen or a man who is more noise than substance?

#### THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: FIGHTING THE FRAUDSTERS

The UK has been branded the fraud capital of the world with £750 million lost to criminals in bank scams in the first 6 months of 2021. How then can we protect ourselves and our money from the scammers?

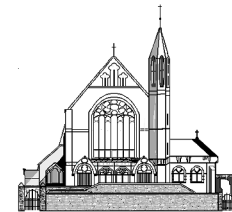
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## **THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART**

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Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



**14th/15th May 2022 5th Sunday of Easter Year C p.136**

### MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

Wednesday 12 noon Sacred Heart

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael

### GOSPEL THOUGHTS John 13:31-35

After scoring a goal the 12yr old ran to the corner flag and raised his arms with fists clenched. Proud and satisfied to copy his professional hero. The eight year old said she wanted to copy her mum 'because she loves me'. We are all influenced by the friends that have a strong personality. Parents need to be aware 'Like father, like son.' our children copy us grown ups.

Jesus asked his friends to copy him, 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Easter demonstrates that the 'love' Jesus is talking about is tough and thorough. The cry from the cross and the gift of Resurrection is a love so large it envelopes not only the pleasant and joyful but the painful and horrible as well. All is loved and made well.

To love as he loves, to copy him is to renew all that goes wrong. Are we up for that?



I Cor. 16:14

## REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Amanda Odger, Vincent Malone,  
Jimmy Doran, Tony Atkinson, Alan Cunningham,  
and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

## PASTORAL PLAN

One of the four signposts 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."

Pope Francis has said that the whole Church should follow this path. He has said, "The world in which we live, and which we are called to love and serve, even with its contradictions, demands that the Church strengthens cooperation in all areas of her life."

This means that giving attention to the future and listening to each other - all parts of the Church - will help us work out what the Holy Spirit is calling us to be and do. We should become a Church of participation, solidarity and transparency, and thereby become a sign of hope to humanity.

Deanery Synodal meetings will have a mix of people  
not just priests.

## THE CATHOLIC POST

A new national Catholic newspaper is available. Please take a copy and tell us what you think.

## PARISH FORUM

The people who work at parish FINANCE,  
met Friday 13th May.

Four areas of parish life - which are Liturgy, Catechesis, Finance and Social Concerns - meet occasionally and representatives make up a FORUM. This forum meets with the parish priest quarterly, in the hope that we all influence each other in the development of our community.

"God is Present "

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Our 'With You Always Holy Communion Programme' is completed. Communions have started at weekend masses.

Please make the families welcome when you meet them at mass. Do keep our schools and young people in your affection and prayers. Our 'Home, School, Parish partnership' is alive and well.

## EMMAUS GROUP - 'God for grownups.'

An hour for adults to look at our faith for our own time and situation. A chance for conversations about our life and responsibilities in the light of the gospels. Interested?

Occasional Sundays at 4.30pm.

Next meetings are 5th, 12th and 19th June.

## 'Inside Public Spaces!

We would always want to be polite to those who are careful/ anxious. Therefore we ask you to consider continuing to wear a face mask and to sanitise in church.

## UKRAINE

You are invited to visit church and pray for peace in Ukraine and in other countries we often lose sight of. Check the front of this newsletter to know when either of our two churches is open.

Church will be open before each Mass  
and an hour before on Thursdays.

## FAMILY BILLS

Citizens Advice Bureau

0300 330 1196 [debthelp@caliverpoolgmmmap.org.uk](mailto:debthelp@caliverpoolgmmmap.org.uk)

or

Struggling to pay your bills? contact Kensington Fields  
Community Centre 0151 708 9107. The staff there will put  
you in touch with a Money Advisor  
for FREE and impartial advice.