

## PEACE THOUGHTS

Just as the commandment, 'Thou shalt not kill' sets a clear limit in order to safeguard the value of human life, today we also have to say, 'thou shalt not' to an economy of exclusion and inequality. Such an economy kills. How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses two points? This is a case of exclusion. Can we continue to stand by when food is thrown away while people are starving? This is a case of inequality. Today, everything comes under the law of competition and the survival of the fittest, where the powerful feed upon the powerless. As a consequence, masses of people find themselves excluded and marginalised - without work, without possibilities, without any means of escape. The dignity of the human person and the common good rank higher than the comfort of those who refuse to renounce their privileges. When these values are threatened, a prophetic voice must be raised!

Pope Francis 24/11/13 Evangelii Gaudium

## TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

### SUNDAY 10.15pm ITV1: AFHANISTAN: NO PLACE FOR A WOMAN

With secret filming, this documentary exposes the reality of life for Afghan women under Taliban rule with evidence of women being imprisoned without trial or charge and of young girls being forced into marriage.

### MONDAY 8.00pm BBC1: CAN LEVELLING UP DELIVER?

Looks at one of Boris Johnson's flagship policies. Will it make a difference?

### MONDAY 8.30pm C4: THE ENEMY WITHIN: INSIDE THE UK'S FAR RIGHT.

Investigates the far right's new tactics revealing how one organisation has been trying to drum up support in some of the UK's most deprived areas.

### TUESDAY 10.05pm C4: WILL YOUNG: LOSING MY TWIN, RUPERT

The singer/actor and his family talk candidly about the pain of living with a loved one's addiction and their death.

### FRIDAY 7.30pm C4: UNREPORTED WORLD:

#### FEMALE CRIME FIGHTERS

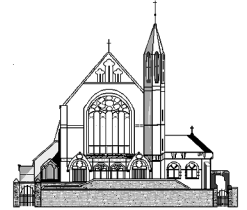
Meets female police officers from the Gender Protection Unit who are investigating the wave of violence against women in Pakistan. Recent data from the country suggests that nearly one in three females have experienced a physical attack from a man they know personally.

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

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**7th/8th May 2022 4th Sunday of Easter Year C p.134**

### **MASS TIMES**

*Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart*

*Tuesday 9.30am St Michael*

*Thursday 7.00pm St Michael*

*Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart*

*Sunday 10.30am St Michael*

### **GOSPEL THOUGHTS John 10:27-30**

The shop was big and full of people. I could not see my mum and was growing afraid. Then I heard her voice and knew all was going to be well. She came through the crowd and gathered me up. We can never not be part of our family. "I can never not be his mum." she said of a challenging child she loved. God cannot lose any of us. God cannot stop being our source of life.

The Easter events declare that we are to share God's life. The source of our life lives without death; Eternal Life.

Our life seems big and is full of people and we might grow afraid. We are promised we can hear his voice and know all is well. Our happiness is to be complete when we accept the task of bringing this assurance to all the nations; perhaps to all the people we deal with.



## **REMEMBERED**

**...during Mass**

Jimmy Doran, Tony Atkinson, Frank Fox  
Alan Cunningham, Amanda Odger, Audrey Bousell  
and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

**Four funerals this week.  
Please keep all the families in your prayers.**

## **PASTORAL PLAN**

The first of six areas of development:

'Becoming a Church that accompanies people through life.'

Over the last ten years, preparation for Baptism and Communion in our parishes has taken on a certain model. A parish team invites the parents and the children to meetings to reflect on family life and the Sacrament that is being requested.

The Archdiocese is working, through this year 2022, to train such groups to support and accompany parents when they approach the Church for these Sacraments.

If family life and faith are precious to you do enquire and find out how to be part of keeping company/accompanying others. This should turn out to be a transforming development of parish life.

**APPLY HERE.**

Welcome to some new readers, 'Lectors'.

## **PARISH FORUM**

Four areas of parish life 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.

One of these areas, Liturgy, met last week and planned to make the activities of the 'LITURGY' more visible to all.

**Do join in as well as attending.**

**"God is Present "**

## **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 next 4.30pm 8th May.**

## **'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.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS**

Our 'With You Always Holy Communion Programme' is almost completed. Communions will start at mass this weekend. 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.

## **Pax Christi**

Is the International Catholic Movement For Peace.  
Our next meeting is **Wednesday May 11th at 2pm** .  
You are welcome.

## **SVP**

Families who are in trouble are helped through your support of the SVP - Thank you for your generosity.  
This is one way of accompaniment.