

## PEACE THOUGHTS

### **REMEMBERING THOSE WHO CHOSE ANOTHER WAY**

Every year on 15th May, 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.

On **CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS DAY**, we stand in solidarity with them, as well as celebrating the memory of those throughout history who have resisted conscription.

Here is the story 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.'

'Wars 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

### SUNDAY: 10.00pm BBC2: THE MAURITANIAN

Biographical drama about the injustice endured by an inmate at Guantanamo Bay and his struggle to clear his name.

### MONDAY 8.00pm BBC1: FALSE DIAGNOSIS: THE ADHD SCANDAL

Explores how thousands of adults are being charged hefty fees for a diagnosis.

### WEDNESDAY 9.00pm BBC1: MATT WILLIS: FIGHTING ADDICTION

The musician, actor and father of three talks about his battle with drugs and alcohol and meets other families also trying to cope with addiction.

### THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: ALL-INCLUSIVE HOLIDAYS: UNPACKED

Questions the sharp rise in the cost of summer breaks and questions their value.

### FRIDAY 7.30pm C4: UNREPORTED WORLD

#### : DRAG QUEEN CULTURE WARS

Should drag queens be allowed to perform in front of children?

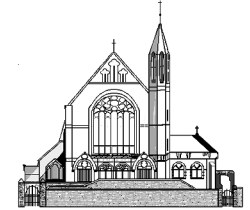
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## **THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART**

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Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



**13th-14th May '23 6th Sunday of Easter Yr A P 268**

## **MASS TIMES**

*Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart*

*Tuesday 9.30am St Michael*

**FUNERAL Wednesday 12 noon St Michael**

**ASCENSION Thursday 7.00pm St Michael**

*Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart*

*Sunday 10.30am St Michael*

## **GOSPEL THOUGHTS**

**John 14:15-21**

Neighbours and friends leaning over the pram of the new born can often be heard saying "The baby looks just like Dad". Some families share the same facial features and see the world the same way. As we age we can notice our parents habits in our own routines. 'Like mother like daughter' might be said as well as 'Like father like son'. As we grow older we certainly learn to worry and laugh the same way our parents did.

Jesus, risen from the dead and transformed, says he lives in us and we have the same spirit. We can be like him. His instructions, commandments include love that forgives.

If the Spirit is understood as Our Father's imagination and energy can we, his children surrender our outlook and attitude to life-creating ways in all that we do. The Lord be with you and with your spirit; we are EASTER people.



## REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Teresa Joseph, Hazel Haines, Michael Park,  
Mary Corrigan, Vincent Malone, Kieran Mullan  
and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

## PASTORAL PLAN

Deanery Synodal Council

<http://liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk>

The Council is a means of working on the  
**Six Areas of Development**

1. Becoming a church that **accompanies people through life**
2. Becoming a church that **honours the vocation of all the baptised**
3. Becoming a church **where synodality is embedded**
4. Becoming a church that **renews its organisational structures and administers its property to serve its mission.**
5. Becoming a church **where young people flourish.**
6. Becoming a church **that cares for its priests.**

## RCIA - MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS

The Mass for New Catholics will now take place on 21st June 2023 at the Metropolitan Cathedral at 7pm. Anyone who has been involved in the RCIA journey would be very welcome to attend. If you have any further questions, please email [rcia@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:rcia@rcaol.org.uk).

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Liverpool Archdiocese are currently advertising for several roles in schools as well as a Parish Cleaner, Parish Administrator and a Retreat Coordinator.

For more information, visit: <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers>

## FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ANTI-TRAFFICKING & MODERN SLAVERY

The Salvation Army Anti-Trafficking & Modern Slavery Team are holding 9 events across the country to celebrate & champion their volunteers, but to also raise awareness of Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking. They are in Liverpool on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June at Strawberry Fields from 11.00am.

Anyone is welcome to attend and there are free tickets via Eventbrite.

Please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/atms-roadshow-53861196523> to claim a free ticket.

## FUNERAL

Michael Park Wednesday 12noon St Michael's

### UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Wednesday 17th May Baptism Catechists meeting 7.30pm.  
Monday 22nd May Eucharistic Ministers meeting 7.30pm  
Saturday 10th June Parish Forum 'Day out'  
Monday 19th June Liturgy Group Meeting 7.30

Interested? Come along and see what's going on in your parish.

## EMMAUS GROUP

'God for Grownups.'

Anyone interested?

We can establish a series of meetings to meet your needs

## PAX CHRISTI

**International Conscientious Objectors Day**

**Monday May 15th, 12 noon**

Join Pax Christi to commemorate Conscientious Objectors, past and present. Many took and still take a stand for peace refusing to kill. We meet outside Central Library at noon, ending at the Peace Gardens with a reading of names, poetry and music.

May 21st is also the feast day of Franz Jagerstatter who, as a Catholic, refused to fight for Hitler and was executed.

Contact Jan Harper 07591082195 or by email  
[janharper1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janharper1@yahoo.co.uk)

## THE IRISH CENTRE

Tea, bingo and a chat, 1-3pm on occasional Thursdays.

## EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND PRAYER

St Michael's Church is open Tuesday morning for Mass, Communion and peace and stillness, 9,00am'til 12noon  
Visiting church is good for our spiritual and emotional wellbeing as well as our mental health.  
Come and see for yourself.