PEACE THOUGHTS

A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Lord Jesus,
we pray for the many people
whose lives have been torn apart by conflict
in Israel, Gaza and the Occupied Palestinian Territories.
We remember especially those who have died,
those who are grieving and afraid,
the injured and those now without food, water,
shelter and medical supplies.
We pray also for those who have the power to bring peace.
May they be touched by your spirit of mercy and compassion.

Hear us, O Lord, we pray.

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

SUNDAY 8.25pm PBS AMERICA: ELON MUSK'S TWITTER TAKEOVER Examines Musk's journey from being one of Twitter's most provocative users to its sole proprietor, exploring the acquisition of the platform, free speech and the company's uncertain future.

<u>SUNDAY 10.20pm ITV1: INSIDE IRAN: FIGHT FOR FREEDOM</u>
Reveals the realities of life for women in Iran after last year's protests.

TUESDAY 10.45pm ITV1: ON ASSIGNMENT

Travels to Delhi to investigate the alarming number of children that go missing in India every day, and meets a charity helping to reunite them with their families.

WEDNESDAY 9.00pm BBC3: THE FIGHT FOR YOUNG LIVES Follows efforts to improve support for young people's mental health.

THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: SCAM BRITAIN: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Last year in the UK, over £1.2 billion was stolen by criminals through fraud - equivalent to over £2,300 every minute. As scams become more sophisticated, how can we avoid becoming victims and keep our cash safe?

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THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART

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MASS TIMES

Monday 12noon Funeral Kathy White Sacred Heart
Tuesday 9.30am St Michael
Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart
Thursday 7.00pm St Michael
Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart
Sunday 10.30am St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS Matt. 22; 34-40

"Love is all you need." was the holler lots of us sang in our younger days.

Jesus is challenged in our gospel story today. It was a snobby debate of the day to check each other out by asking which, of over a thousand, rules was the most important. Jesus' powerful enemies where trying to embarrass him publicly. To trap him they asked; "which is the great-

est commandment?"

With a wisdom which came from loving everyone, including sinners and the most despised he answered simply and powerfully. He did not exclude his enemies but called them to integrity. He did not simply win an argument but challenged them to include God and 'our neighbours' instead of dividing those they loved from enemies. This is our lesson to be learned too.



REMEMBERED ...during Mass

Des Power, Rita Templeman, Vic Madden, Kathy White, Irene Bennett, and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

WHITE POPPIES...

..are about remembering all the victims of war, the civilians and the soldiers of both sides. To wear one (sometimes along side a red one) you would be assisting school resourses as well as adult publications about non-violent ways of dealing with disputes. Do bring a little extra cash next week when your white poppies will be on sale.

WAR IS NOT THE ANSWER.

BAPTISM

Preparation for Baptism will consist of visits to Mass, attending two meetings with Catechists then settling on a date that suits the family and the parish priest.

Baptism in our parish is for families that live in the parish For more information ring 0151 263 6578 and leave a message.

WITH YOU ALWAYS

The 1st Communion session for Reconciliation was Tuesday, 17th Oct. The children and their parents will make their 1st (Confession) Reconciliation on 21st Nov. and there is a Family Mass 2nd/3rd Dec.

Pax Christi Meeting November 9th 2023 at 2pm

St Michaels Parish Rooms , Horne Street Come and be part of our peace planning.

PASTORAL PLAN

Deanery Synodal Council

http://liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk The Deanery agenda includes:

- 1. There was a meeting for Catechists
- 2. Exploration of "Families of parishes"
- 3. Ways that local councils could also be Archdiocesan.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

1st Comm W.Y.A. programme is under way.
Pax Christi Meeting Thurs 9th November, 2.00pm.
Liturgy Meeting Mon 27th November 7.30pm
Eucharistic Ministers Wed 6th Dec 7.30pm
Interested? Come along
and be part of the community.

PARISH FORUM

The Forum commended the involvement of our young people in the liturgy, notably in the prayers and noted that plans to improve the parish meeting room were being actioned.

JUSTICE/FAITH IN ACTION GROUP

PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

This Tuesday, 9.00am - 12.00pm. in St. Michael's Church.

Please drop into church for a short while to remember all who are suffering because of war in the Middle East and light a candle for peace.

The Faith in Action Group also invites you to join us to address Christmas cards to Prisoners of Conscience on Wednesday, 29th November at 6.30pm in St. Michael's Parish Room.

They will be distributed on the following weekend.

COST OF LIVING CRISIS

Pope Francis has published a letter for all the world to see on the feast of St Francis of Assisi, 4th October.

It is about poverty and inequality in the global family.

Please find it on the internet and tell another person about it. Here in Liverpool the local 'Churches Together' are inviting you to reflect on this crisis.

THE TABLET

The parish has committed to two copies of the TABLET each week.

If a few parishioners would promise us £5 per month
for this weekly £5 magazine we could share costs
as well as a good read.

Google "Tablet Catholic" and select "News" for free.