

PEACE THOUGHTS

POPE FRANCIS ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

'I encourage you to make the intrinsic dignity of every man and woman the key criterion in evaluating emerging technologies; these will prove ethically sound only to the extent that they help respect that dignity and increase its expression at every level of human life.'

'Technological developments that do not lead to an improvement in the quality of life of all humanity, but on the contrary, aggravate inequalities and conflicts, can never count as true progress.... Artificial intelligence ought to serve our best human potential and our highest aspirations, not compete with them.'

'The concept of intrinsic human dignity requires us to recognize and respect the fact that a person's fundamental value cannot be measured by data alone.....In social and economic decision-making, we should be cautious about delegating judgments to algorithms that process data, often collected surreptitiously, on an individual's makeup and prior behaviour..... such data can be 'contaminated' by societal prejudices and preconceptions. A person's past behaviour should not be used to deny him or her the opportunity to change, grow and contribute to society.'

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

Do watch **ALJAZEERA NEWS** as a companion to the other coverage that is being shared on the Israel/Gaza war. There is much to learn!

TUESDAY - FRIDAY 8.00pm BBC2: WINTER WATCH

Wonder at the beauty of the natural world all around us in the seasonal footage of wildlife across the UK over four evenings.

TUESDAY 9.00pm ITV1: TRUMP: THE RETURN?

Examines Donald Trump's controversial bid for the 2024 US presidency despite being charged with federal and state crimes.

THURSDAY 9.00pm BBC2: NUCLEAR ARMAGEDDON: HOW CLOSE?

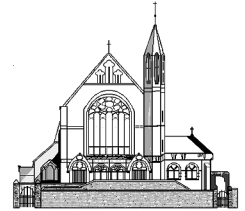
Investigation into the proliferation of nuclear weapons and their threat to the world. It examines the strategy behind Britain's nuclear deterrent and speaks to UK campaigners fighting against a new generation of US weapons they fear will be based on UK soil.

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Monday Funeral Service 12noon St Michael Marion Walsh

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

John 1:35-42

'How many times do I have to tell you?'
Sometimes we need to hear instructions more than once.
'Are you listening to me?'
And sometimes we have to ask more than once to get things done.

The Lord calls Samuel again and again. Jesus creates time and opportunity to keep company with his new friends. We need to hear more than once the instructions of the Lord. Jesus is inviting us to spend time with him, 'for the rest of the day.' Spending time with Jesus, Andrew could not help himself but had to run and find his brother Simon to share with him.

We will read that Jesus took his friends aside many times over the next year to share with them. Let us give Jesus the time needed to be in his company and gather his wisdom.



REMEMBERED
...during Mass

Joe Riley, Daniel Gibbons,
Marion Walsh, Owen Mitchell, Tom Cullinan
and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

PASTORAL PLAN - DEANERY NEWS

The Deanery Synodal Council has been working on the concept of 'Families of Parishes'. Discussions are happening to discover any links that already exist between neighbouring communities. Things are developing!

Next meeting Thursday 3rd February

PEACE SUNDAY

Today is Peace Sunday. This year, the theme chosen by Pope Francis is, 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. You can read his message for the 57th World Day of Peace, along with other resources, on the Pax Christi website: www.paxchristi.org.uk or pick up a copy from the back of church.

Peace Sunday Lecture

You are warmly invited to the Archdiocesan Peace Lecture this Sunday, Peace Sunday, January 14th.

Title: The challenge of being nonviolent in a violent world.

Andrew Jackson of Pax Christi will give the lecture.

Refreshments 1.00pm and talk 1.30pm,
in the Gibbard Room in the RC Cathedral

Pax Christi will be with other groups
with a stall and display.

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Kensington Fields Community Centre 0151 708 9107

BIG HELP Boaler Street 0808 275 9931

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BAPTISM

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

JANUARY 2024

Baptism

Ainsworth family Sat 13th 12.30pm St Michael

Funeral

Marion Walsh Mon 15th 12noon St Michael

1st Communion Programme W.Y.A.

Parents only Tues 16th 5.30pm Irish Centre

Session with Children Tues 30th 5.30pm Irish Centre

Faith in Action

Wed 24th 5.30pm Horne Street

Week of prayer for Christian Unity

Monday 22nd 12noon Assisi School

Tuesday 23rd 12noon Sacred Heart Church

Wednesday 24th 12noon L'Arche Lockerby Road

Thursday 25th 12noon All Saints Sheil Road

Friday 26th 12noon Alive Believers Boaler Street

PARISH FORUM

At the meeting, last week 10th January, topics such as, refurbishment of the meeting room, how we can support various ministries, moving forward from our Irenaeus day away, DBSs for our volunteer parishioners. Finally we discussed the exterior of our churches, new signage, especially at Sacred Heart and the pointing of exterior walls. If you feel you could help or have comments to make on any of these items speak to a Forum member.

PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

On Tuesdays, 9.00am - 12.00pm. in St. Michael's Church.

Please drop in to church for a short while to pray for those who are suffering because of war in the Middle East and Ukraine, and light a candle for peace.

PRAY FOR PEACE

Please remember those experiencing unspeakable suffering because of war and conflict especially our brothers and sisters in Gaza/Israel, Sudan and Ukraine by visiting Our Lady's altar.

'JESUS IN THE RUBBLE'

is a prayer focus that mirrors this year's crib scene in the Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, emphasising the reality that if Jesus were born today, it would likely be amidst the horror and devastation of war.

Please light a candle and pray for peace!