

PEACE THOUGHTS

Nations have two choices: compassion or revenge. Choose!
Eleanor Roosevelt once asked, 'When will our consciences grow so tender that we will act to prevent human misery rather than avenge it?'
Perhaps that is the question which needs to be answered
when we see people terrorized, toddlers traumatised,
orphaned and afraid, living in unimaginable conditions and losing hope
because the world, puts politics and profit first.

'No wars would ever start, no bombs would ever fall,
if compassion, rather than fear, were the DNA of society.'

'What we depend on is the compassion of God, so the eternal question
must therefore be: Who is depending on me for the same thing?'

'Everything we do or do not do, either raises or lowers
the degree of humanity in the world.
We can sit around and bemoan the level of compassion around us,
BUT NOTHING WILL CHANGE
UNTIL WE OURSELVES DO MORE TO RAISE IT.'

Quotes from 'We Are All One' by Sr. Joan Chittister OSB

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

AL JAZEERA NEWS!

Thought-provoking and challenging coverage of world news!

SUNDAY 9.00pm C5: INTO THE CONGO

Explores this African nation and visits a remote tribe living deep within the jungle.

TUESDAY 10.00pm BBC4: TOTAL TRUST: SURVEILLANCE STATE

Looks at state surveillance and digital social control in China.

WEDNESDAY 9.00pm C5: INTERNET SCAMS: DON'T GET CAUGHT OUT!

Examines outlandish schemes you could easily fall victim to.

THURSDAY 9.00pm ITV1: GYMNASTICS: A CULTURE OF ABUSE?

As Team GB gymnasts prepare for the Paris Olympics, this report charts the fight for justice by former British gymnasts who claim that they were physically, emotionally and sexually abused by their coaches.

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THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART

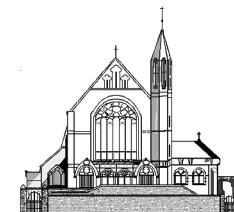
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MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

Wednesday 12 noon Sacred Heart

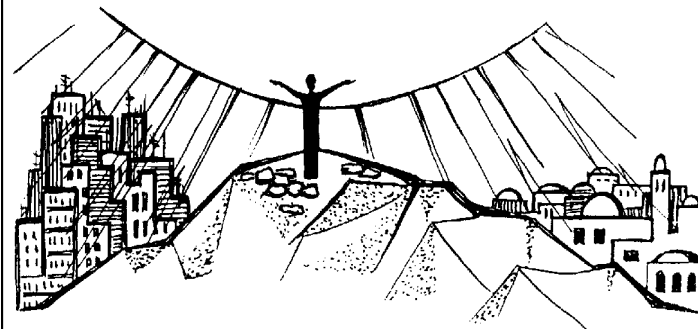
Thursday 7.00pm St Michael

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS

Mark 1: 12-15



We know
we have a
special friend
when, after
disappointing
them, they still
want to be our
friend.

In Genesis,
God promises
that God's way

of dealing with those who upset God will never be to destroy them. The Psalm tells us that God is loving and merciful, helping those who stray, if they wish to be directed. St Peter, who disappointed Jesus, knows that the innocent one forgave him (2nd reading). Peter wants the whole world to know, when hurt, God is waiting patiently for us to respond to his certain friendship.

Lent is a gift from a loving Father calling us to go into the wilderness with Christ and learn about God's way of dealing with us, then to go into the world and let everyone know.

REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Keith Prince, Gladys Gannon, Raymond Evans,
George Hains, Helen Seddon, Gerry Wharton
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'. We are to keep company with parishes around us and rediscover some of the ways and events we can do together e.g. a novena here and our SVP somewhere else; stations of the cross there and feeding the hungry somewhere else. Perhaps checking mass times for Sunday. Some links already exist between neighbouring communities.

Things are developing!

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Family Fast Day is on Friday, 23rd February.
This year's focus will enable fishermen in Liberia to fish safely and sustainably in order to feed their families. Please will you join in by eating simply and giving what you can? Collect a CAFOD envelope next weekend.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6.15 pm every Friday at St Michael's during Lent.

'AND WE'RE OFF!'

There is a series of four Thursday morning sessions
10.30am-12noon (22nd, 29th February)
taking a look at Mark's Gospel at the Irenaeus Centre,
32, Great Georges Rd. in Waterloo L22 1RD.
For more information, contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

RIGHT TO LIFE

Please take 'Harry and Harley' home with you
and read all about it.

**CATHOLIC PIC FEBRUARY EDITION IS AVAILABLE
AS YOU LEAVE CHURCH**

FEBRUARY 2024

Faith in Action Group

Wednesday 21st Feb 5.30pm St. Michael's

Liturgy Group Meeting

Monday 26th Feb 7.30pm St. Michael's

W.Y.A 1st Communion preparation

Session with Children Tues 27th Feb Irish Centre.

Baptism Programme

Session 1 - 8th April 7.30pm at St. Michael's

GOD FOR GROWN-UPS

Adults who wish to enter the Catholic church, prepare for confirmation or gently grow up in their faith should attend a meeting Sunday 3rd March 4.00pm, St Michael, Horne Street.

Disarming the Heart

A Liturgy of Repentance for the Nuclear Age

Nuclear weapons are
one of the most urgent challenges to life on our planet.
A number of people walked on Ash Wednesday
together for peace and to pledge to work for a more peaceful world.
From St Luke's, Berry Street (bombed church) to the Town Hall.

PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

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.
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 and light a candle for peace.

'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!