

## PEACE THOUGHTS FOR HOLY WEEK

*'The final word is love!'*  
**Dorothy Day**

*These outstretched hands, receiving the Host,  
are the hands of God -the hands of Jesus  
who turned water to wine by blessing;  
the hands that broke bread saying, 'Take and eat';  
the hands that were pierced on a cross for us;  
the hands, with yellow fingers from years of smoking;  
the lady's manicured hands with painted nails and rings;  
the rough seaman's hands with chubby fingers and tattoos;  
the hands with bitten nails from years of cleaning for a minimum wage;  
the young, small, innocent child's hands;  
the old wrinkled hands, worn from doing  
so many 'caring deeds' over the years;  
hands reaching out, in belief, in hope and salvation -  
my hands, your hands - God's hands.*

**Pat McDonald (All Saints' Parish)**

## TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

### ALJAZEERA NEWS!

**Thought-provoking and challenging coverage of world news!**

### MONDAY 8.00pm BBC1: IMMIGRATION: THE UK'S RECORD RISE

Over the past couple of years, net migration to the UK has hit record levels. This report crunches the numbers and meets the people running businesses who say they need immigration and those who claim that the UK can't sustain the current numbers.

### THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: HOME INVASION: UK'S PEST PROBLEM

As vermin infestations increase and with the rise of poison-resistant rodents and a cost-of-living squeeze, councils and households are struggling to control outbreaks leading to serious health problems. This report asks if crisis spiralling out of control.

### FRIDAY 9.00pm BBC2: PILGRIMAGE: THE ROAD THROUGH NORTH WALES

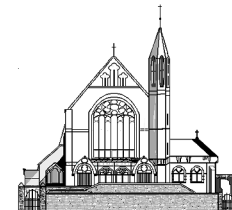
Seven celebrities with differing beliefs, set off on a journey to walk the North Wales Pilgrims' Way in the footsteps of early Celtic Christian saints.

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

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Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



**23rd/24th March '24 Palm Sunday p.178**

## **HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES**

**Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart**

**Tuesday 9.30am St Michael**

**Wednesday 12 noon Sacred Heart**

**Holy Thursday 7.00pm St Michael**

**Good Friday 3.00pm Vigil at the Cross Sacred Heart**

**Saturday Easter Vigil 11.00pm St Michael**

**Easter Sunday 10.30am St Michael**

## **GOSPEL THOUGHTS Mark 11: 1-10**



Keeping a secret for an anniversary party needs good planning. When we want to surprise other people we need to keep our plans furtive. To defeat those who would stop us, we need to be wily.

Jesus was arriving in Jerusalem and had secretly arranged a surprise - a friend had a colt ready for Him so he could arrive with a flourish and be noticed bringing

hope to his followers. People grew excited and their expectations turned into singing and chanting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'

As the week unfolded Jesus' plan disturbed others and the rejoicing was accompanied by resistance. He goes into the heart of these mixed emotions with His Father's plan to reveal a power that the powerful did not understand. The cry of forgiveness from the cross on Friday was part of the surprise.

Do we recognise this power of forgiveness and reconciliation?

## **REMEMBERED**

**...during Mass**

Letty Russell, Austin Smith, Thomas Clisham,  
Fred Rose, Sandra Preece, T.D. George  
and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

## **PASTORAL PLAN - DEANERY NEWS**

More news about the 'Families of Parishes' where we keep company with the other parishes around us in the deanery is coming soon.  
Watch this space!

## **SAINT MICHAEL'S SCHOOL INSPECTION REPORT**

*The school was visited by Ofsted last month and the report has now been published. The main findings are that the school is good in all categories and outstanding when it comes to children's behaviour and attitudes to learning.*

*This reflects the dedicated efforts made by all involved in the school - staff (both classroom and support), parents and guardians, governors, and of course, the children.*

*A most deserved congratulations to Mrs Rigby, the leadership team, and all the staff at the school; they bring such skill and talent to their work of drawing out the abilities and gifts of all the children.*

## **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**

Thank you! Please don't forget to hand in your envelopes.  
Find out more about the work of CAFOD at [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk).

Have you signed the letter to the UK Foreign Secretary, David Cameron, calling for a ceasefire in the Israel/Gaza war?

## **PEACE VIGIL**

*'We long for suffering and pain to cease and for there to be peace.'*

Will you join us for one hour outside **SACRED HEART CHURCH**  
and add your voice to the cry for all hostilities to cease  
and for peace in our world?

**TUESDAY, 2ND APRIL AT 4.30 - 5.30PM.**

## **CALLING ALL YEAR 8 PUPILS**

If you registered for Confirmation  
your school will let you know the next steps soon.

## **WHAT'S ON AT THE IRISH CENTRE?**

**0151 263 1808**

Thursdays - Tea Dance & Bingo 1pm

Wednesdays - Yoga 6pm

Supper Ceilidh - last Wednesday of every month at 8.30pm

Live Music every Sunday 4/5pm

## **EASTER CARDS TO PALESTINE & JORDAN**

This week, our parish will be sending Easter messages of hope and solidarity to our brothers and sisters of faith in the Holy Land.

**Please join in by signing your name  
on the cards at the back of church.**

Each card will go to a different parish, so sign as many as you can!  
Please continue to pray for reconciliation and peace  
in our warring world.

## **REQUIRED URGENTLY - CATECHISTS**

Are you interested in sharing your faith?

We are looking for people to join our enthusiastic team of catechists.

We particularly need people to help at the 'Liturgy of the Word for Children.' Come along and have a look.

If you're interested, training and support is available.

Interested?

Speak to Fr. Fitz or one of the catechists.

## **W.Y.A FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Session with Children on **Tues 23rd April** at the Irish Centre.

## **BAPTISM PROGRAMME**

Session 1 (of 2) on **Mon 8th April ,7.30pm** at St. Michael's.

## **GOD FOR GROWN-UPS (AGAIN)**

Adults who wish to enter the Catholic church, prepare for confirmation or gently grow up in their faith, should attend a meeting Sunday, **24th March** 4.00pm, St Michael's, Horne Street.

## **PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND**

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

Please drop into church for a short while to pray for those who are suffering the horror and devastation of war -

Ukraine, Sudan, Palestine and Israel

and light a candle for peace before the prayer focus,

**'JESUS IN THE RUBBLE'**