PEACE THOUGHTS

'I'm supposed to be a follower of Jesus, and in this world where there is so much violence, injustice, poverty, war and nuclear weapons, it seems inevitable that I, too, must engage in nonviolent civil disobedience, like he did.' '

'I want to keep following Jesus, all the way to the cross.' I remember what my friend, Sr. Joan Chittister wrote to me while I was in jail: 'The only way peace and justice and social change happen is through our participation in the Paschal Mystery the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.' Amen, Sister! I can think of no greater blessing or no better way!'

Fr. John Dear, US peace activist and author

'Each of us contributes our own piece to the whole, each in our own way, each in our own time with the gifts and talents that are ours. You ask about possible vehicles for change: question, stand, speak, act! Engage in unruly behaviour. Disturb the status quo. Take direct action. Commit civil disobedience. Make art. Build community. Dance. Sing. Farm. Cook. Create something beautiful and then give it away. Find your own monkey wrench and use it with the force of love.'

Terry Tempest Williams

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

<u>ALJAZEERA NEWS!</u> Thought-provoking and challenging coverage of world news!

MONDAY 10.00pm BBC4: NAVALNY

Unravels the plot against the Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny.

TUESDAY 9.00pm BBC1: SARAH EVERARD: SEARCH FOR

JUSTICE Investigates Sarah's murder, its impact on UK society and the extent of violence against women and girls.

THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: ONLINE BRITAIN: WHO IS LEFT

BEHIND? In a world that is growing increasingly digital, what will happen to the millions who lack basic skills to use the internet?

THURSDAY 9.00pm BBC2: DARREN GARVEY:

THE STATE WE'RE IN

In-depth and critical look at the UK education system.

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Fr. James Nugent Pastoral Area St Michael's Church, Horne St, L6 5EH Sacred Heart Church, Low Hill, L7 8TN Tel: 0151 263 6578 Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



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Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart Tuesday 9.30am St Michael FUNERAL Wednesday 12 noon St Michael George Haines Thursday 7.00pm St Michael

> Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart Sunday 10.30am St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS John 2:13-25

The most important thing in a toddler's life is getting mum's attention. For today's teenagers, it would be their phones and for the parents the most important thing is likely to be paying the bills to look after the family.

To guide adults, families and nations, God speaks, "all these words". Loving us, God has spoken and leaves us law, rules and commands so we can be wise: so that what we have to do will be the best we can do.

Jesus knows this and is upset when we don't listen to this advice from God who made us and knows how we could be at our best for each other. He is so deeply disappointed when making a profit, and cheating to do it, takes the

place of our maker's guidance. Jesus is even angry and wants to stop the bad behaviour.

Can we only act on our anger to work hard to be wise, loving and just? To do our best for the people around us?



REMEMBERED

...during Mass Keith Prince, Maureen Knight, Raymond Evans, George Haines, Barbara Molloy, Mathew 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 things and events we can do together e.g. a novena here and our SVP somewhere else; stations of the cross here and feeding the hungry somewhere else! <u>Things are developing!</u>

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Thank you for supporting this year's Lent appeal. Your support is helping fishermen in Liberia to fish safely and sustainably and feed their families. Please return the envelopes we distributed last week as soon as you can. Find out more about the work of CAFOD at www.cafod.org.uk and sign the letter to the UK Foreign Secretary, David Cameron, calling for a ceasefire in the Israel/Gaza war.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

CALLING ALL YEAR 8 PUPILS

If you are in Year 8 and want to be confirmed, please register your interest (before 15th March) on the archdiocesan website: <u>www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk</u> where you will find information about the programme and what happens next. If you know of a young Catholic who does not attend a Catholic high school, please share this info. with them.

PEACE VIGIL

'We long for suffering and pain to cease and for there to be peace.' A Peace Vigil, last Friday outside Sacred Heart Church, alerted passers by, drivers and pedestrians, to the plight of those caught up in the terrors of war. Please join us on <u>TUESDAY, 12th MARCH, 4.30-5.30PM</u> OUTSIDE SACRED HEART CHURCH

to add your voice to the cry for peace.

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Family Masses

Saturday 9th March Sacred Heart at 6.30pm Sunday 10th March St Michael's at 10.30am Eucharistic Ministers

Wednesday 13th March St Michael's at 7.30pm

<u>Pax Christi</u>

Thursday 14th March St Michael's at 2.00pm <u>Faith and Justice Meeting</u>

Wednesday 20th March St Michael's at 5.30pm

W.Y.A 1st COMMUNION PREPARATION

Session with Children Tues 23rd April Irish Centre.

Baptism Programme

Session 1 (of 2) on the 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's, Horne Street.

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 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!

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 Little Church. Come along and have look. If you're interested training and support is available. Interested? speak to Fr Fitz or one of the catechists.