

EASTER PEACE THOUGHTS

**What is a prophet? - Someone who speaks God's truth to others.
Is that not each one of us?**

Prophets of today - facing a world where rugged individualism reigns and those who can't make it on their own are easily forgotten - must now do more than simply serve. They must lead this world beyond its present divisions of race and gender, of national identity and economic class. Prophets are always out of step with the average response to pain or want or loss or oppression. They are always disturbingly different, always stirring up consciences, always confronting a world that obstructs them, always on a path towards the Kingdom rather than 'the palace'. The call today is for all of us to realise that the invitation to be prophetic has been handed on to each of us to reclaim. Doesn't our world needs us right now, to take our place with Jesus Christ, on the roads from Galilee to Jerusalem, so that no one's needs and no one's pain is overlooked in any way?

Like Christ, let us be signs of contradiction in our world.

Let us bring new life and hope to those in our communities who most need our voice, our action, our love and our prayers, so that our world becomes as God would have it!

Don't be afraid! Join in!

Sister Joan Chittister OSB

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

ALJAZEERA NEWS! Thought-provoking coverage of world news!

SUNDAY 10.00pm PBS AMERICA: US/ISRAEL: ROAD TO WAR IN GAZA
Critical moments leading to the current situation in Gaza over three decades.

TUES & WED 10.00pm C4: DANNY DYER: HOW TO BE A MAN
With traditional gender roles a thing of the past, this report travels the country to explore modern masculinity, hoping to uncover more about toxic masculinity, and why so many young men are struggling with their mental health.

THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: CLAIM YOUR CASH: UK'S HIDDEN FORTUNE
Have you any missing assets? This report shows how to track them down.

THURSDAY 9.00pm BBC2: NELSON MANDELA: A LIFE IN 10 PICTURES
Explores the life and contribution of this remarkable icon of modern history.

FRIDAY 7.30pm C4: UNREPORTED WORLD: CAMPUS WARS
Report about the students at Columbia University divided by the Gaza conflict.

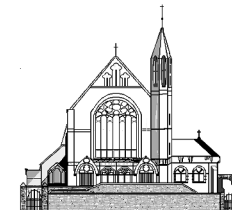
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Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

Wednesday 12 noon Sacred Heart

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael

Saturday 6.30pm Mass Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am Mass St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS Luke 24;35-48

'I'm not talking to you; you upset me.' Most of us have some divisions between neighbours, people at work and even in the family.

Forgiveness is not easy except when we love the one who has hurt us and want to ease their discomfort.

To nurse anger can change us from being thoughtful and happy. Might we forgive to be rid of that hurt in side us? To forgive could be a little selfish as we protect our personality from getting ugly.

The Risen Christ is among us and we don't know he is there. Jesus is the one hurt who heals every one of our divisions. 'He

takes away the sins of the World'. Because of EASTER we are invited to explore the work of reconciliation for our own peace as well as the comfort of the one who hurt us.

Jesus reminded his friends, 'That in his name repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations.'.....'and that we are His witnesses'.

You and me NOW?



REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Letty Russell, Elaine Leung, Bernard Parkes,
Fred Rose, Sandra Preece, Vincent McShane
and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

MISSIONARY SISTERS' APPEAL

We welcomed Sister Joan from the Franciscan Missionaries to our Masses last weekend. She shared with us some of the work abroad her sisters do. There was a collection for the Missionary Sister's work abroad. If you were unable to donate last week, you will have the opportunity to do so this week.

PASTORAL PLAN - DEANERY NEWS

The Deanery Synodal Council met and listened to the progress, across the Archdiocese, of our Synodal way of living.

1. Becoming a church that **accompanies people through life**
2. Becoming a church that **honours the vocation of all the baptised**
3. Becoming a church **where synodality is embedded**
4. Becoming a church that **renews its organisational structures and administers its property to serve its mission.**
5. Becoming a church **where young people flourish.**
6. Becoming a church that **cares for its priests.**

The council is 120 people, **all baptised, some ordained others married and all confirmed.** All these people are caught up in the grace of the **Sacraments and** are listening to the rest of us and helping all of us be the Church constantly developing to be God's instrument in our own circumstance, Archdiocese and world.

After listening more and more, they will meet again on Saturday, 9th November 2024.

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 at the prayer focus, **'JESUS IN THE RUBBLE'**.

In solidarity with the Palestinian people, the Archdiocese has sourced olive oil from Palestine to use in the Sacraments.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Ecumenical Meeting - Tuesday 16th April
Baptism Session (2) Mon 22nd April, 7.30pm at St. Michael's.
WYA Communion Preparation Tue 23rd April 5.30 Irish Centre
S.V.P. Meeting Wed 24th April

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 carers, 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.

Well done to all!

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

The inspectors at their last inspection of SACRED HEART SCHOOL also declared it 'GOOD'.

WE HAVE TWO VERY FINE SCHOOLS
in our one parish.

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.