

## PEACE THOUGHTS

'In hell,' the Vietnamese write, 'the people have chopsticks but they are three feet long so they cannot reach their mouths. In heaven, the chopsticks are the same length, but in heaven, the people feed one another.'

This message is not new and no less important today, for unless we learn, in our own personal relationships, as the ancient definition of heaven and hell indicates, to live for someone else besides ourselves, how shall we as a nation ever learn to hear the cries of the starving in Ethiopia and Sudan, the illiterate in Africa, the war-weary refugees in the Middle East?

What will become of a nation, in this day-and-age, that has no sense of community?  
What, indeed, will become of the planet?  
The warning of the wise is clear!

**MAY WE LISTEN! LEARN, THEN ACT!**

— Adapted from Sr. Joan Chittister OSB

## TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

**ALJAZEERA NEWS!** Thought-provoking coverage of world news!

### **SUNDAY 9.00pm BBC2: MISSION TO THE EDGE OF THE UNIVERSE**

A look at the James Webb telescope and the amazing images it sends back to earth.

### **TUESDAY 9.00pm ITV1: STALKING: STATE OF FEAR**

Every day, millions of women live in fear of the men who are stalking them. This documentary examines how many women feel abandoned by a system that is meant to protect them and speaks to the family of a woman who was killed by her stalker as police failed to take action.

### **THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: FUNERAL COSTS: THE PRICE OF DYING**

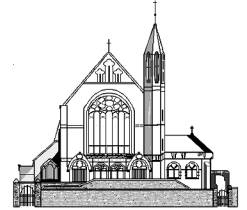
Described as 'the cost of dying crisis', the overall price of a funeral in the UK has reached eye-watering heights! How then can we keep an eye on the cost of planning a farewell.

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

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**27th/28th April '24 5th Sunday EASTER p.264**

***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 John 15: 1-8**

There are no leaves without trees and no children without parents. Unconnected, we are unrelated and cannot function as we are meant to. It is in friendship and company that we become able to find ourselves and in our attachments we discover our purpose.

Jesus gives us a severe instruction in his metaphor of the vine and the branches. "Cut off from me you can do nothing." We are to have a relationship with him and then bear fruit. Connected to him and his Father, he says, 'we will make our home in you.'

There is no fruit without pruning! We need to live beyond selfishness; clipping our self-centredness. Caught up in community, family or workmates, we can bear fruit.



## REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Letty Russell, Thomas Davies,  
George Russell, Nick Wilde, Frank Concannon  
and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

## MISSIONARY SISTERS' APPEAL

Sister Joan from the Franciscan Missionaries came to our Masses a couple of weekends ago. The collection to support the work of the Missionary Sisters abroad raised £227. 92  
Thanks for your contribution.

## PASTORAL PLAN - DEANERY NEWS

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

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.

## COME & PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

**On Tuesdays, 9.00am - 12.00pm in St. Michael's Church.**  
Please pray for those suffering the horrors and devastation of war around the world especially in Ukraine, Sudan, Palestine and Israel, and light a candle for peace at the prayer focus,  
**JESUS IN THE RUBBLE.**

**GAZA PEACE MARCH, SUNDAY, 28TH APRIL, GATHER AT THE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL AT 2PM, MARCHING TO DERBY SQUARE.**

**PARISH PEACE VIGIL, OUTSIDE SACRED HEART CHURCH, WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY, 4.30 - 5.30PM.**

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

## BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY MAY 6TH 1-6PM

An Irish Family Fun Day  
Activities for all the family!  
Celebrating 25 years of The Irish Centre at Boundary Lane.

## UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Faith & Justice Group Meeting, Tues 30th, 5.00pm, St. Michael**  
**WYA Session at Sacred Heart Church, Tues 7th May 5.30pm**  
**Parish Peace Vigil, Wed. 8th May, 4.30pm Sacred Heart**

## 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. 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.

## FAITH & JUSTICE IN ACTION GROUP MEETING

St. John tells us:  
**'Our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active.'**  
Please join us as we try to respond. Our next meeting is on **TUESDAY 30TH APRIL AT 5.00PM IN ST. MICHAEL'S**, when we will make some plans for prayer and action in response to local and world news?  
Please come along and find out more!  
You are very welcome!