

EASTER PEACE THOUGHTS

Easter is not simply a time of celebration: It is, as well, a time of decision. What is really to be decided is, whether or not, we ourselves, will rise from the deadening grip of this world's burnt-out systems to the light and life-giving time of God's coming again, this time in us. Then the Easter Alleluia is true: God is surely 'with us.' Easter is the 'division of humanity' in the struggle between light and dark. Yes, Easter is about dazzling light—but only if it shines through us.

Sister Joan Chittister OSB

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.

Victory is ours, through Him who loves us.

Easter says to us that despite everything to the contrary,

Christ's will for us will prevail, love will prevail over hate, justice over injustice and oppression, peace over exploitation and bitterness.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

ALJAZEERA NEWS

Thought-provoking coverage of world news!

MON/TUES/WED 9.00pm C4: DEFIANCE: FIGHTING THE FAR RIGHT Documentary on consecutive nights telling how Asian and black men and women banded together in the 70s and 80s to defend themselves against far-right violence and everyday racism.

SUNDAY 9.00pm BBC2: ISRAEL-GAZA SIX MONTHS ON

Presents searing accounts of the human cost on both sides of the conflict, including eyewitness reports from the Gaza Strip and Israel and asks if anything can be done to bring this war to a swift and lasting conclusion?

WEDNESDAY 10.45pm ITV1: RAMADAN: JOURNEY ACROSS

BRITAIN Explores the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, meeting people from the Muslim community as they fast during the daylight hours and observe religious and cultural traditions.

FRIDAY 9.00pm BBC2: PILGRIMAGE: THE ROAD THROUGH

N.WALES The group walk the final leg of their pilgrimage through North Wales in the footsteps of the early Celtic Christian saints. How has their journey and exposure to different religious ideas affected them?

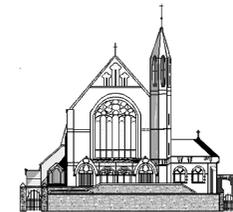
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Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

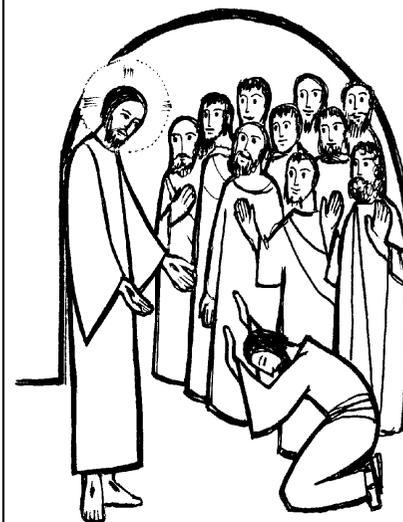
Funeral Wednesday 12 noon St Michael Lettie Russell

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael

Saturday 6.30pm Mass Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am Mass St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS John 20:19-21



When afraid, we might close the doors and only seek out like-minded people. Acting timidly we withdraw to a safe place.

Easter people are to know God, in Christ, who went among all that is wrong, bringing life. We also are to be courageous and generous. Jesus knows our timidity and would do anything to assure us. We are confident that God keeps us company as often as we weakly give in. The Disciples are repeatedly visited with the gift of Peace and the Spirit. Thomas is told to get

up, be convinced, and he went as a missionary to India!?

When our anxieties and doubts invade our mind, it effects our capacity for relationships and friends. The risen Christ is a loving gift to the anxious and the doubters; be comforted and get out among all those human beings who need the hope that comes with seeking them out. Take the gift to others.

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

WELCOME Sr Joan.

Sister is from the Franciscan Missionaries and is in our parish this weekend to share some of the work abroad her sisters do. There will be a collection as you leave church for the Missionary Sister's work abroad.

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 the 9th November 2024.

PAX CHRISTI

Do come to the next meeting
**Thursday 11th April 2pm St Michael's Parish Rooms,
Horne Street**

We encourage each other in the call to "change the world".

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

God for Grown Ups - Sun 7th April 4pm at St Michael's
Baptism Session (1) Mon 8th April, 7.30pm at St. Michael's.
SMASH (Parish Forum) - Wed 10th 7.00pm at St Michael's
Pax Christi - Thurs 11th April, 2pm at St Michael's.
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

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.

GOD FOR GROWN-UPS THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Adults who wish to enter the Catholic church, prepare for Confirmation or gently grow up in their faith, should attend a meeting on Sunday, **7th April** 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 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.

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GAZA PEACE MARCH, SUNDAY, 7th APRIL, GATHER AT THE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL AT 2PM MARCHING TO DERBY SQUARE.