

PEACE THOUGHTS
THERE IS ANOTHER WAY!

'We are told that there is no way other than the violent, military way. But I believe that this is the most destructive way, and that there are other ways. I wish to remind all of us that there does exist an alternative: negotiations, peace, optimism, a true will to live in equality, safety and freedom. We, the young people, must understand the full implications of such a choice. We need to understand its consequences for our society.

After having deliberated these issues, I took the decision to refuse to fight. I am not scared of the military prison - what truly frightens me is our society losing its humanity. Even if I must pay a personal price for my refusal, this price will be worthwhile if it helps to place the occupation of Palestine on the agenda of Israeli public discourse.'

These are the words of Tair, a young Israeli woman who has repeatedly refused to serve in the Israeli military. She has spent more than 150 days in prison already. As we commemorate Conscientious Objectors Day on 15th May, let us thank God for Tair and her courageous and costly witness for peace and pray for all who refuse violence as a solution. Let us pray too for those suffering in the ongoing and escalating violence in Palestine, Israel, Lebanon and in so many other places across the world, that all may seek reconciliation and peace without violence and let us examine too how we manage and resolve the conflicts in our own lives.
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TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

ALJAZEERA NEWS! Thought-provoking coverage of world news!

MONDAY 9.00pm BBC2: THE JENNINGS vs ALZHEIMER'S

The story of a family with hereditary on-set Alzheimer's and the implications for them and for the scientists trying to unlock a cure.

MONDAY 10.00pm C4: ME AND THE VOICE IN MY HEAD

A look at borderline personality disorder through the experience of a young man, how it affects his life and his battle to control the condition.

TUESDAY 9.00pm BBC1: BETTER OFF DEAD?

Insights from those with disability into the debate around assisted suicide, sharing their concerns that their lives will be put at risk if it is legalised.

THURSDAY 8.00pm C4: COCA-COLA'S DIRTY SECRET

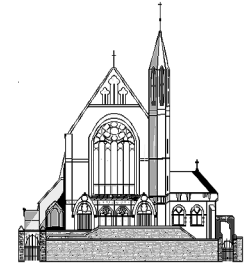
Explores how the nation's consumption of soft drinks is affecting the environment.

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

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11th/12th May '24 7th Sunday EASTER p.273

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart
Tuesday 9.30am Mass St Michael
12 noon Funeral Stephen Doyle
Wednesday 12 noon Sacred Heart
Thursday St Michael's 7.00pm

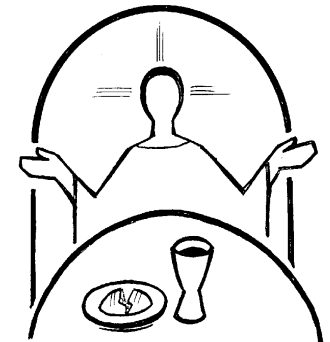
Saturday 6.30pm Mass Sacred Heart
Sunday 10.30am Mass St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS John 17: 11-19

Mum and Dad are devoted to their baby for the rest of life. As soon as the child is born, parents are consecrated to the child, 24/7. Our favourite football team gets our loyalty. A best friend means we will always be there for each other.

God is dedicated to all of us. The events remembered at EASTER time are the evidence of God always being there for us. The assurance and JOY of knowing we are served 24/7 is God's gift to us. Even greater than a parents responsibility, Jesus has caught us all up in His Father's dependable presence.

We are trusted to be, as best as we can, something of that Father's commitment for each other.



**MAY THEY
ALL BE ONE**

REMEMBERED
...during Mass

Mandy Bedson, Joan Bowstead, George Johnson,
Thomas Davies, Stephen Doyle, Frank Concannon
and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

PASTORAL PLAN - DEANERY NEWS

Our Deanery Synodal Council met 18th April
at St Antony's Church. We listened to each other and looked
at ways to move our Deanery forward in a Synodal way.
We discussed ways of bringing parishes together for prayer,
reflection and training. We also discussed our church buildings
and how they can be used for other purposes in addition to
masses. However, to be completely Synodal ideas for these
issues need to come from YOU the people of the parishes. The
Church has to change and move forward, we need YOUR help
and ideas. Our next meeting is Tuesday 21st May. Please give
your suggestions to your DSC Rep or Fr. Fitz before then.

COME & PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

On Tuesdays, 9.00am - 12.00pm in St. Michael's Church.
Please pray for Ukraine, Sudan, Palestine and Israel
and light a candle for peace at the prayer focus,
JESUS IN THE RUBBLE.

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?
WEDNESDAY, 15TH MAY AT 4.30 - 5.30PM.

St. John tells us:

***'Our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active.'***

MISSIONARY SISTERS' APPEAL

The Franciscan Missionaries came to our Masses a couple
of weekends ago. The running total is £247. 92.
Thanks for your contribution.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Parish Peace Vigil, Wed. 15th May, 4.30pm Sacred Heart
S.V.P. Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 22nd May (see Fr. Fitz)
God for Grown Ups 4pm Sunday 12th May
Liturgy Meeting Monday 20th May 7.30pm St Michael's

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, **12th May** 4.00pm,
St Michael's, Horne Street.

PAX CHRISTI

A Day retreat 'Nonviolence: The Way forward for Christians'
Saturday 29th June '24, 10.30am - 4.00pm at the
Irenaeus Centre, 22, Great Georges Rd. Waterloo L22 1RD.
A day of reflection, listening and sharing to explore
Gospel Nonviolence in our lives and in the world.
Suggested donation £10 (simple lunch provided)
Contact sheilacogley@yahoo.co.uk

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.

FOOD AT THE PARISH DOOR

We are getting low, but the demand is constant.
Your response has been very generous.
We need ring pull cans with a whole meal,
pasta, rice, noodles and tinned tomatoes too.
Thank you for your generous response.