

PEACE THOUGHTS

During Holy Week, more than 140 bishops, executive church leaders from all denominations, and agencies including CAFOD, Pax Christi, and the National J&P Network, signed a letter calling for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza and the end of arms sales to Israel. They also made it clear that all countries, including Israel, must abide by the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

While this letter demonstrates the much-needed moral clarity the world needs to see from Christians and is an important statement, we know that **JESUS CALLS EACH ONE OF US BEYOND WORDS, TO ACTION.**

So, what can we do to stand in solidarity with the oppressed, to raise awareness and focus on peace as war continues?

One way is to join in with the many peaceful protests that have sprung up, including in our own parish. Another is to pray for peace. (see previous page)

Also, to take direct action by signing petitions and letters online calling for an immediate ceasefire, the free movement of humanitarian aid and an end to any further arms sales to Israel.

Google CAFOD and Pax Christi for more ideas for action.

No action is insignificant!

The letter ends:

**'Enough atrocities in Gaza; enough violence, death, and destruction!
May love triumph over hate. We hold onto the hope
that peace is possible even in the midst of this darkest hour.'**

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

SUNDAY 6.00pm BBC1: CHANGING PLANET: RESTORING OUR REEFS

Documents the fight to save Earth's most threatened ecosystem - coral reefs.

MONDAY 8.00pm BBC1: SMART MOTORWAYS:

WHEN TECH GOES WRONG

Explores the dangers to motorists when they break down on smart motorways and meets those whose lives have been changed by this failing road system.

WEDNESDAY 10.40pm BBC1: GROWING UP JEWISH

Reveals how four young Jews prepare for their bat/bar mitzvahs.

THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: FOOD COSTS: CAN YOU SPEND LESS?

Despite a fall in food inflation rates, prices in the shops have not fallen. Why?

FRIDAY 7.30pm C4: UNREPORTED WORLD: HAITI

Explores the terrible problems faced by pregnant women because of on-going gang violence in this turbulent nation.

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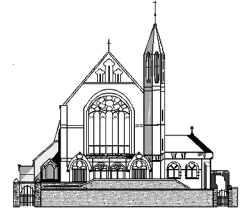
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Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

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 John 10: 11-18

A seventies T.V. detective used to say, "Who loves yah, baby?" Without love we grow up anguished and angry. Toddlers don't know they are loved until they are old enough to know how their birth changed their parents lives. They discover how loved they are when they know that their parents have laid down their lives for them.

As God's children we can notice how God has lavished love on us? The Easter events reveal to us that Our Father has laid down his life for us.

We will be wise people if we take time to spot how love works and practise laying down our life for those around us. How does this truth work among us?



REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Letty Russell, Elaine Leung, Thomas Davies,
Mary Murray, Jimmy Collins, 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. We learned about our missionary vocation and a little about the work that the sisters do in other countries. The collection to support the work of the Missionary Sisters abroad raised £ .

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, 21ST APRIL, GATHER AT THE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL AT 2PM MARCHING TO DERBY SQUARE.

**PARISH PEACE VIGIL OUTSIDE SACRED HEART CHURCH,
THURSDAY 24TH APRIL 4.00PM**

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

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

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
Faith & Justice Group Meeting, Tues 30th 5.00pm, St. Michael

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.