

PEACE THOUGHTS

The daily news summons us to prayer.
The people, situations, and events of our times call out
for our compassion and God's healing presence.

Lord, we pray for all who bravely seek peace and justice in the face of repression. May people across the world find ways they can help and act to end war and weapons sales to those who oppress.
We pray especially for the young people across the world of all religions and none, who are speaking truth to power.
We thank God for their hope and courage....Lord, hear us.

We pray for every woman, child and man who has been killed or injured by weapons sold by nations and companies more concerned with making money than with making peace in our troubled world. May we, who witness on our television screens glimpses of their suffering, demand that our government curb the arms trade....Lord hear us.

We ask your forgiveness, Lord, that, as a nation, we have built our standard of living, in part, on the sale of weapons that fuel wars across the world.Lord hear us.

We pray for the people who finance, produce and sell weapons. May your compassion touch their hearts and minds and redirect their skills and talents to life-giving projects.... Lord hear us.

We pray today for all those who work for peace... Lord hear us.
Amen.

Campaign Against the Arms Trade

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

ALJAZEERA NEWS! Thought-provoking coverage of world news!

SUNDAY 10.20pm ITV1: PASSOVER UK: A JEWISH JOURNEY
Follows families during the eight-day celebration of Passover.

THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: WORK WHERE YOU WANT?
Report examining the 'digital nomad' lifestyle (those who combine work with travel) and how the changing face of the workplace is impacting on companies and employees alike.

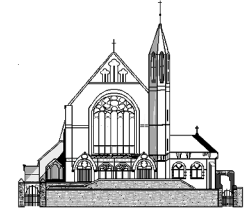
FRIDAY: 7.30pm C4: UNREPORTED WORLD: DIVORCE IN MAURITIUS Explores attitudes to divorce in Mauritius, a country steeped in Islamic heritage, that may surprise you!

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Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart
Tues 9.30 Mass St Michael, 12 noon Funeral Sacred Heart
Wednesday 12 noon Sacred Heart
Ascension Thursday
Thursday 12 noon St Michael's 7.00pm St Margaret's
Saturday 6.30pm Mass Sacred Heart
Sunday 10.30am Mass St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS John 15:9-17

Sitting on the bus, we will often hear people say "love yah" into their phone. "O.K., love!" is how the check-out lady greets us. How deep is that love? Married for sixty years, that is love. Spending our life for each other is one way of describing family life.

Parents who together create a safe place and relationship for each other and the children.

Jesus speaks of the love his Father has for Him and invites us to know we are gathered up in their family love and life.

We are asked to think carefully of God's love for us not our love for God. Such love is life spent for the other. Our love is often a measured love and is only shared with those who deserve it. God does not have favourites.

Jesus knows He is loved with a love that is for everyone. He loved his clumsy friends and enemies.

Let's work on the love God has for us and be a gift to everyone we meet.



REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Mandy Bedson, Joan Bowstead, Letty Russell,
Thomas Davies, Stephen Doyle, 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 £247. 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.

St. John tells us:

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

**PARISH PEACE VIGIL, OUTSIDE SACRED HEART CHURCH,
WEDNESDAYS 8TH & 15TH MAY, 4.30 - 5.30PM.**

**NORTHWEST MARCH FOR PALESTINE,
SATURDAY, 11TH MAY, 12.00PM.**

from R.C Cathedral to St. George's Hall to hear speakers.

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

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

WYA Session at Sacred Heart Church, Tues 7th May 5.30pm
Ecumenical Meeting Wednesday 8th May 2pm
Parish Peace Vigil, Wed. 8th & 15th May, 4.30pm Sacred Heart
S.V.P. Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 8th May (see Fr. Fitz)
God for Grown Ups 4pm Sunday 12th May
Liturgy Meeting Monday 20th May 7.30pm St Michael's

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.

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.