

## PEACE THOUGHTS

### CATHOLICS & THE GENERAL ELECTION

Pope Francis says in *Evangelii Gaudium*, #205:

'I beg the Lord to grant us more politicians who are genuinely disturbed by the state of society, the people, the lives of the poor! It is vital that government leaders ensure that all citizens have dignified work, education and healthcare.' Pope Francis also reminds Catholics, that we all have a duty to participate in politics, whether that's by voting or campaigning. He says: 'We cannot and must not remain on the side-lines in the fight for justice.' In other words, we have a responsibility to make sure political parties commit to tackle the injustices that affect our global family and to care for our common home. With the General Election on 4th July, politicians are looking for our votes - and will be listening to what voters want. CAFOD has produced a wealth of resources to help us understand the issues that should concern Catholics and how we can find out what the candidates think on issues such as migration and asylum; the cost of living; climate change, debt and more. Go to Cafod's website where you will find a link to: [UK General Election 2024 - CAFOD Guide For Catholic Voter](#) It will help us make informed choices when it comes to casting our votes.

### TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

ALJAZEERA NEWS -

Challenging, in-depth coverage of world news!

MONDAY 9.00pm C4: UNDERCOVER A&E: NHS IN CRISIS Reveals the true state of the NHS as shown through covert filming over two months, followed by a debate at 10.00pm which addresses the issues and examines pre-election promises to fix the NHS made by the political parties.

WEDNESDAY 8.15pm BBC1: BBC PRIME MINISTERIAL DEBATE Head-to-head debate between the Prime Ministerial contenders, Rishi Sunak and Keir Starmer.

THURSDAY 8.00pm C4: CAN AI STEAL YOUR VOTE? Explores the claim by election campaigners that artificial intelligence could lead to disinformation flooding social media feeds.

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

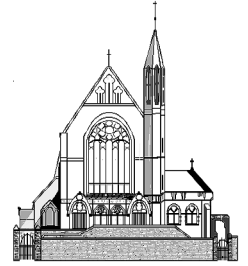
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**22nd 23rd June 12th Sunday Year B p.98**

**Monday 12 noon Funeral James Loughran St Michael**

**Tuesday 9.30am Mass 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

**Mark 4:35-41**

It needed courage to stop a man beating a woman on the street. "Bravery was called for when racist chants came from the football fan next to me."

Chapter 4 of Mark's gospel is Jesus telling us what God's kingdom is like; what all baptised people are to reveal. We are all invited to do good without celebrity; slowly growing ourselves like seeds that become trees to be shelter for every one else.

This 'good news'; Gospel, is demanding and needs courage. Without selfless bravery we are naturally

afraid. To be a follower of Jesus demands we stand up to what is not healthy and what is not best for others. We are to go among what is harmful with a persistent example of what God is like. **FAITH NOT FEAR.**



## REMEMBERED

...during Mass

Alice Obeseki, Joan Sweeney, Francis Slater,  
Paul De Lacey, Jimmy Loughran, Lewis Wood  
and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

## PASTORAL PLAN - DEANERY NEWS

Our Deanery Synodal Council looked at ways to discuss how we could bring parishes together for prayer, reflection and training. Let us start by planning a series Masses for peace during July.

St Michael Thursday 11th 7.00pm  
St John, Fountains Road Tuesday 7.00pm  
SFX Salisbury St. 29th Saturday 12noon  
All Saints Thursday 25th July 7.00pm  
St Anthony Scotland Rd. Tuesday 30th  
Are you interested in working to prepare this series of events? Please ring 0151 263 6578

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Junior school children are invited to be part of the Children's Liturgy of the Word. We need you, adults and parents, to volunteer! THANK YOU.

## RED BOXES

Boxes should be brought to church, please.  
Thank you for your generosity

## PARISH PEACE VIGIL

Join the parish witness on Wednesday, 26th June, 4.30 - 5.30pm, outside Sacred Heart Church or sit inside church to pray for peace.

## GAZA PEACE MARCH

for a ceasefire and an end to genocide on Sunday, 23rd June, 2.00pm. Gather at the Catholic Cathedral then march to Derby Square.

## VISITING PALESTINIAN SPEAKER

On June 28th, 7pm at the Quaker Meeting House, L1 3BT, hear Nurit Peled- Elhanan, Professor of Language and Education at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, speak on the portrayal of Palestinians in Israeli school text books.

## UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

BAPTISM SESSIONS Mondays 24th June 7.30pm in St. Michael's Parish Rooms. If you would like your child to be baptised please ask Father for a Baptism Request Form after Mass. .

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Wednesday 19th June some items were discussed and members committed to actions.

PAX CHRISTI RETREAT Saturday 29th June 10.30am Irenaeus Centre.

**ATTENTION See below**

## PAX CHRISTI

### STILL TIME TO REGISTER TO JOIN THE RETREAT

A Day retreat on 'Nonviolence: The Way forward for Christians' on Saturday, 29th June '24, 10.30am - 4.00pm at the Irenaeus Centre, 22, Great Georges Rd. Waterloo L22 1RD. Suggested donation £10 (simple lunch provided) Low waged/ unwaged - donation  
Contact: [sheilacogley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sheilacogley@yahoo.co.uk)

## CONFIRMATION

Candidates who have prepared ask for your prayers. The Sacrament will be conferred on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at St Anthony's Church at 6.30pm.

## BAPTISM

Please keep our families who have prepared for baptism. Jude will be baptised in July. The parents of Noah, Zirachi and Rupert are preparing and arranging dates this week Three other families are attending preparation meetings.

## 1st COMUNION 2025

The children who are baptised Catholic in Year 3 and above along with their parents are invited to register for the next Preparation Programme, called 'WITH YOU ALWAYS'.

The closing date for registering is Monday 15th of July  
To be part of the preparation, your family should pick up a Registration Form when you visit Church for Mass. Parents and their little ones are welcome to be present and be part of the Parish Community, Saturday evening 6.30pm Sacred Heart Or Sunday morning 10.30am.  
We look forward to your company.