PEACE THOUGHTS

On 4 June 1944, the people of Rome were facing, 'the nightmare of Nazi devastation.' They implored Our Lady to save their city. Their prayers were answered, as on that date, Rome was the first capital to be freed from Nazi occupation, and, contrary to all fears, this was done without fighting. Eighty years later, commemorating this event, Pope Francis said, 'We pray today for the victims of World War II and reflect anew on the terrible scourge of all wars. The innocent victims of wars in Ukraine, Palestine and

Israel, Sudan, Myanmar and elsewhere challenge the conscience of all. We cannot and must not give in to the logic of weapons! Peace is a gift from God, but it needs people who are willing to accept it and commit themselves to being builders of reconciliation and witnesses of hope.' He expressed his hope that the commemoration of the event 80 years ago would inspire not only Romans, but all people, 'to be architects of true peace everywhere and to revive fraternity as an essential condition for

the resolution of conflicts and hostilities.' The Pope urged for a peaceful attitude in everyday life: 'it is a matter',

he said, 'of advocating good relations between people with courage and gentleness and reconciling tensions in the family, at work, at school and among friends.'

To this day, the people of Rome have entrusted themselves to Mary (Maria Salus Populi Romani) as they did 80 years ago. Let us pray today for all who suffer in wars and that we will also have the courage to find new and imaginative ways to resolve conflicts that do not rely on violence! Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

ALJAZEERA NEWS - Challenging, in-depth coverage of world news!

SUN/MON/TUES 9.00pm BBC2: ON THIN ICE: PUTIN v GREENPEACE

The story of a daring mission by climate activists to disrupt Russia's Arctic oil production, which saw them incarcerated in a harsh Russian prison.

SUNDAY 10.15pm ITV1: MATERNITY: BROKEN TRUST

An investigation into alleged failures in maternity care at Nottingham University Hospitals Trust told through the stories of affected families.

TUESDAY 10.00pm BBC4: COPA 71: THE LOST LIONESSES

Stirring story of the biggest women's football tournament you have probably never heard of, setting the record straight regarding the forgotten Women's World Cup of 1971.

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Confessions: Saturday 12noon St Michael's



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Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart 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 3:20-35

Family is the place where you can make mistakes and you are still loved. Parents have to be full of perseverance to still love us through thick and thin. The people in our house are to cooperate so we are a safety net for one another as we inevitably annoy each other. Loved, despite our faults, is how we are encouraged to <u>change</u> and grow up.

Family love is not earned, it is our right. The Creator of all things is revealed to us as a parent; a Father who is at the gate waiting for the loved one to return. As a parent God made us, we are God's family. We will only be confident in this and delight in family if we listen to Jesus' teaching and <u>change</u>; do something about it!



REMEMBERED ... during Mass

Joan Sweeney, Francis Slater, Lynda Farnan, Paul De Lacey, Jimmy Loughlan, 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 and how we could use our premises for other purposes as well as mass. What do YOU think? All Saints, St Michael and Sacred Heart, S.F.X., St Sylvester and St John's parishes are planning a series of masses for peace during July.

PRAY FOR PEACE

On Tuesdays, 9.00am - 12.00pm in St. Michael's Church. Please come to pray for Ukraine, Sudan, Palestine and Israel and light a candle for peace at the prayer focus, 'Jesus in the Rubble'.

TAKE ACTION

'When our faith is put to work, when it is active and not passive, it releases God's power in us and through us.' Hebrews 11:6

<u>GAZA PEACE MARCH</u> for a ceasefire and an end to genocide – Sunday, 9th June, 2.00pm. Gather at the Catholic Cathedral marching to Derby Square.

PARISH PEACE VIGIL Wave a flag for peace on Wednesday, 12th June, 4.30 - 5.30pm, outside Sacred Heart Church or sit quietly inside church to pray for peace.

EYE-WITNESS: STORIES FROM ISRAEL AND THE WEST BANK,

Hear from three 'ecumenical volunteers' who have spent time in Palestine observing the effects of the Israeli occupation on Thursday 20th June at the Quaker Meeting House, School Lane, L1 3BT. Free entrance.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD WE ARE BACK IN ACTION

ONLY <u>Junior school children</u> are invited to be part of the Children's Liturgy of the Word. We need you adults to volunteer! THANK YOU.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

PAX CHRISTI Thursday June 13th, 2pm in St Michaels Parish Rooms, a chance to join a community working for peace and reconciliation. www.paxchristi.org.uk

BAPTISM SESSIONS Mondays 10th and 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.

KENSINGTON MINISTERS Monday 17th June 2.00pm Sacred Heart.

<u>ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL COMMUNION CELEBRATION MASS</u> Wednesday 19th June 9.30 am at St Michael's Church.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Wednesday 19th June 7.30pm.

PAX CHRISTI RETREAT Saturday 29th June 10.30am Irenaeus Cen-

PAX CHRISTI

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) Contact: <u>sheilacogley@yahoo.co.uk</u>

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

The Confirmation programme for 2024 continues on Tuesday 11th June at St Anthony's, 6.30pm - 7.30pm for Sacramental Preparation. Candidates must attend this meeting. The Sacrament will be conferred on Wednesday 26th June at St Anthony's Church at 6.30pm.

BAPTISM

Please keep our families who have prepared for baptism. Esther's baptism is in early June and Jude will be baptised in July. Two other families are attending preparation meetings through June.

MONEY MATTERS

The <u>SVP</u> is the way our parishioners can donate to create a sum of money so we can assist families in difficulties. We have a monthly opportunity to contribute. Please prepare to be part of the chance to keep company with folk who get into trouble.