PEACE THOUGHTS

A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN PALESTINE & ISRAEL

O God of peace, you have established Jerusalem as the Lord's House and a place of peace, and you have called on all who live there to love you and prosper. Instil in her inhabitants - Jews, Christians and Muslims a hunger for justice and dignity and a resolve to end the distrust that culminates in violence. Grant them the wisdom and patience to build a city where Israelis and Palestinians reside in safety, free from oppression and committed to the good of all. In this endeavour, make each one of us agents of your peace, O God. Forgive us our indifference and stamp out the prejudices that lead to hatred. Fill us with the reconciling spirit of your presence. May we join all people of good will - in the Middle East and throughout the world - who raise their insistent Shalom and Salaam: "Peace be within your walls. Peace be within you."

The Reverends Harry and Judith Hoehler

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

SUN 10.10pm PBS AMERICA: NETANYAHU, US & ROAD TO GAZA Examines the critical moments over the last three decades that have led to the current situation in Gaza and the pivotal role of PM Netanyahu.

MON 8.00pm BBC1: SUPERMARKET DEALS: HOW GOOD ARE THEY? In the cost-of-living crisis, are they all they claim to be?

TUESDAY 10.45pm ITV 1: ON ASSIGNMENT

Reports from Brazil on toxic waste: France, on the Jewish population, and from South Africa on captive lions facing an uncertain future.

THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: THE SKINNY JAB: WHO'S GETTING IT? Examines the popularity of the weight-loss jab, its accessibility, and its effectiveness in the battle against the obesity crisis in the UK.

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21st/ 22nd September 25th SUNDAY Yr. B p.135

Monday 9.00am Mass Sacred Heart Tuesday 9.30am Mass St Michael Wednesday 12:00 noon Mass Sacred Heart Thursday 7.30pm Mass St Michael Saturday 6.30pm Mass Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am Mass St Michael GOSPEL THOUGHTS Mark 9;30-37

"It's not fair!" shouts the six year old when not understood at home. The sulking teenager knows it's 'not fair' when not getting their own way. An angry crowd can turn to violence when left out of policies and decisions. Only when we are valued and our grievances understood can we feel at peace in any situation.

One way of working for peace is to listen to each other. In any court the task is to listen to all sides of the story, that justice may be done. Peace only comes about with justice.



Jesus makes it easy for us to understand. Seek out the least; the one who needs the most; gather the 'poor and the widow', see to their necessities. The 'little child' represents adults and all people who are in need of relief. We all need support. Each family, society and country exists to serve each person and their relationships.

REMEMBERED ...during Mass

Nicholas Murphy, Walter Cox, Barbara Tickner, Brendan Rice, Tony Garrett and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

SVP

The SVP is an important part of parish outreach.

If you would like to offer your time to visit, with another person, the more vulnerable members of our community, then please be in touch with Fr. Fitz.

There is also a monthly collection for the work of the SVP; the first Sunday of the month. Thank you.

PASTORAL PLAN - DEANERY NEWS

The Church as we know it is changing. It has to change to meet the needs of the 21st Century. Are you interested in helping to change the shape of the Church in our area? We are part of a Family of Parishes. The Deanery Synodal Council meet regularly to make plans. We can only make truly Synodal plans if YOU talk to us and give us your ideas. If you are interested in what happens in our Family of Parishes or have anything to contribute? Then do approach Fr. Fitz or Ann O'Connell, our parish representative. Coming together with a common purpose enriches us all. We look forward to working together in the future.

NEWSLETTER ROTA

Will you join the newsletter team to help type up the newsletter?

It would be once every four weeks.

Interested? Please see Fr. Fitz.

PAX CHRISTI

The next meeting is on Thursday 10th October at 2.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room, St. Michael's, Horne Street.

You are welcome.

READERS' TRAINING

The Archdiocese is offering practical reader training with prayer and reflection on:

Saturday, 5th October, 10.00am -1.00pm at Christ the King Parish Club, Childwall, L16 6AW, or on Saturday, 19th October, 10.00am -1.00pm at Irenaeus, Waterloo, L22 1RD Lunch after the sessions. Please bring your own packed lunch. If interested, please see Fr. Fitz.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

BAPTISM PROGRAMME Monday evenings,

30th September and 7th October 7.30pm St. Michael's.

SVP Meetings - 18th September & 2nd October, 7.30pm.

<u>Presentation Masses</u> -5th and 6th of October (see below)

Parish Forum - 8th October at St. Michael's.

Newsham Council of Churches - 15th October, 7.30pm

FIRST COMMUNION 2025

The children in Year 4 and above, along with their parents, met for the Treasure Hunt, a lively first session of the With You Always Communion Preparation Programme.

Next important dates for your diary are:

w.e. 5th & 6th October - Presentation Mass.

The candidates for First Holy Communion will be presented to the parish Community. Please remember the families in your prayers.

Tuesday, 15th Oct, 5.30pm, St. Michael's Irish Centre,

Session 2: Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

KS1 and KS2 school children are invited to be part of the Children's Liturgy of the Word. We need you - adults and parents, to volunteer! Please speak to one of the catechists or come in on Sunday AND SEE WHAT WE DO. It is very rewarding and worthwhile.

WORLD WEEK FOR PEACE IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL 16TH - 22ND SEPTEMBER

Each year the World Council of Churches invites us to work for a just peace for all in Palestine and Israel, encouraging us to educate ourselves and others, and to pray and take action for justice there. Therefore, we invite you to join us as we:

<u>PRAY FOR PEACE</u> - At our Sunday mass today, we will pray, with hymns and special prayers, for peace in the Holy Land.

<u>TAKE ACTION</u> - Read the display at the back of St. Michael's church about everyday actions you can take to promote peace and justice that make a difference!

<u>BE INFORMED</u> - Aljazeera English and TRT news channels can inform and challenge our understanding of the situation in the Middle East. with their up-to-date, short documentaries.