PEACE THOUGHTS

In this Season of Creation which calls us to pray and respond to the cry of earth, consider these quotes from Laudato Si, Pope Francis' encyclical to the world.

HOW DO HIS WORDS CHALLENGE YOU?

What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up? #160

Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all, who need to change. #202

The current global situation engenders a feeling of instability and uncertainty, which in turn becomes 'a seedbed for collective selfishness.' When people become self-centred and self-enclosed, their greed increases. The emptier a person's heart is, the more he or she needs things to buy, own and consume. #204

A change in lifestyle could bring healthy pressure to bear on those who wield political, economic and social power. This is what consumer movements accomplish by boycotting certain products. They prove successful in changing the way businesses operate, forcing them to consider their environmental footprint and their patterns of production. This shows us the great need for a sense of social responsibility on the part of consumers. **'Purchasing is always a moral** - **and not simply an economic** - **act**.' Today, in short, 'the issue of environmental degradation challenges us to examine our lifestyle.' #206

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

MONDAY 9.00pm ITV1: MR.BATES & THE POST OFFICE: THE IMPACT

What has happened since the drama-documentary about the subpostmasters who were wrongfully convicted of theft? How have the victims' lives changed and what new layers of the scandal have come to light?

WEDNESDAY 11.00pm BBC3: THE MAN WHO GROOMED THE WORLD

Uncovers the disturbing truth behind the notorious influencer, Andrew Tate, and his secretive all-male society, the War Room.

THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: THE SUMMER RIOTS: BURNING BRITAIN

Explores the breakdown of law and order on Britain's streets and the targeting of ethnic minority communities in August.

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7th/8th September 23rd SUNDAY Yr. B p.130

Monday 9.00am Mass Sacred Heart Tuesday 9.30am Mass St Michael Funeral 12noon David Noel Harris 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 7:31-37

Decisions are to be made constantly. When we are confused, have too much to do, are short on confidence, we cannot see what to do next, we need help. A certain way out of such a muddle is to do 'good'.

Isaiah, St James and Jesus advise us; find someone who needs help. In the Old Testament it was always 'widows and orphans'. For Isaiah, the blind, the deaf and the lame. For St James it was the poor and the shabby. For Jesus it was the deaf man with a speech impediment. For when we are a victim, it is the perpetrator; forgiving those who hurt us.

Who can you support, heal, console, forgive? We can get



through all our tangled life this way. Following Jesus' example in our next decision or action could be revealing God's nature/ presence in our chaotic situation.

REMEMBEREDduring Mass

Nicholas Murphy, James Hopkins, David Harris, Walter Cox, Alex Wiseman and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

TODAY IS EDUCATION SUNDAY

As the new school year is now in full swing, let's keep all who serve in our schools in our prayers. We have two amazing Primary Schools. They are an integral part of our community of faith.

<u>SVP</u>

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. 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 Deanery Synodal Council met last week and will soon share their plans with us. Are you 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.

ADOREMUS 2024

Saturday, 21st September 2024 at the Metropolitan Cathedral. Free event, open to all. 10am - 5.00pm Throughout the day there will be opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, Mass, and workshops. It is also an opportunity for developing our own spirituality, and helping us discern what next year's Jubilee Year might mean for our own lives.

PAX CHRISTI

The next meeting is on Thursday 12th September at 2.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room, St. Michael's, Horne Street. You are welcome. We are planning for another year!

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

FAITH/ JUSTICE IN ACTION GROUP Wednesday, 11th September 5.pm, St Michael's.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING 7.30pm, Wednesday,

11th September, St. Michael's.

WITH YOU ALWAYS PROGRAMME Session 1, 5.30pm, Tuesday,

10th September St. Michael's.

BAPTISM PROGRAMME Monday evenings, 16th & 30th September, St. Michael's.

FIRST COMMUNION 2025

The children who are baptised Catholic in Year 3 and above, along with their parents, are invited to register, **before 10th September**, for the next Preparation Programme, **The first session is on Tuesday, 10th September**, 5.30pm at St Michael's Church.

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.

FAITH/JUSTICE IN ACTION GROUP

EVERY SMALL ACTION FOR PEACE MAKES A DIFFERENCE! Please join us at St. Michael's on Wednesday, 11th September at 5.00pm, to share and explore ways we might faithfully respond, albeit in small ways, to some of the local and international issues that concern us. Recently we joined those supporting Asylum Link during the riots. We regularly witness in the city for a more just and peaceful world and will soon meet the CEO of Nugent Care. Please join us!

GAZA PEACE MARCH

For many months the people of Liverpool have faithfully marched for a ceasefire and an end to the genocide in Gaza. Will you join them this **Sunday**, **8th September at 2.00pm** as they gather at the RC Cathedral then march to Derby Square?

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. THANK YOU!