

PEACE THOUGHTS

At the close of this year's **SEASON OF CREATION**, let us take to heart the words of Pope Francis who challenges us to care for the earth, our common home:

'Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature.

We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is... life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of us.'

'Because of our selfishness, we have failed in our responsibility to be guardians and stewards of the Earth.

We have polluted and despoiled it, endangering our very lives..... Listen to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor, who suffer most because of the unbalanced ecology.'

'We appeal to all people of goodwill to consider ways of living less wastefully and more frugally, manifesting less greed and more generosity for the protection of God's world and the benefit of God's people.'

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

SUNDAY 10.00pm C4: STATE OF RAGE

Poignant portrayal of both sides of the conflict on the West Bank through the perspectives of the children and young adults who bear the brunt of its emotional toil.

MONDAY 10.00pm C4: HOW TO SURVIVE A DICTATOR: NORTH KOREA

Unique perspective on what it means to experience the limits to freedom under leader, Kim Jong Un that we so easily take for granted.

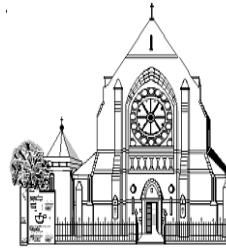
TUESDAY 9.00pm BBC2: LIVING EVERY SECOND

Reveals the passion of Kris Hallenga, a young woman diagnosed with terminal cancer, as she strives to make a difference before she dies.

WEDNESDAY 10.00pm C4: LOVE, LOSS & DEMENTIA

Anna Richardson tells the story of her own father's dementia battle, hears about the struggles of other families and explores revolutionary new drugs that give hope to sufferers.

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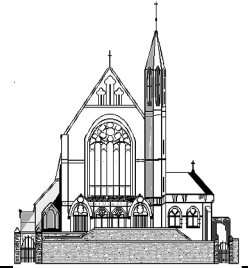
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27th/28th September 26th SUNDAY Yr. B p.138

Monday 9.00am Mass Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am Mass St Michael

Wednesday 12:00 noon Mass Sacred Heart

Thursday 7.00pm Mass St Michael

Saturday 6.30pm Mass Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am Mass St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS Mark 9:38-48



'How many times do I have to tell you?' is a saying often accompanied by exasperation. A slow learner is in danger of upsetting their instructor. Parents, teachers and driving instructors will know this frustration. Jesus had been instructing his disciples about the difficult aspects of their calling. He deliberately crossed national boundaries to make it clear that his teaching and way of life included all people. The kingdom he was offering included the needy, sinners, enemies and foreigners. Every one is an essential part of this plan/culture. Jesus' spirit (imagination and motivation) has not yet inspired his friends. He uses exaggerated images to shock his friends into a deeper commitment.

We are not to be precious and think we are loved better than others.

REMEMBERED ...during Mass

Michael Gaine, Nicholas Murphy, Walter Cox,
Barbara Tickner, Kevin Kelly
and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

PASTORAL PLAN - DEANERY NEWS

Since the Synod in 2020, Deanery meetings are no longer made up of just the Ordained priests, but now also priests of the Baptised, lay people too. Another development is that neighbouring parishes should work together closer than before; Families of Parishes.

In September/August this new Deanery organised a number of masses for Peace. There is to be another event during November. Watch this space!

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.

A reminder that this is next week!

PAX CHRISTI

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

'Season of Non-Violence'

Wed. 2nd October

Pax Christi will be leading a walk through our city

'The Power of Non-Violence'

Starting at Platform 9 in Lime Street Station

starting at 11.50am.

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 - 2nd October, 7.30pm.

Presentation Masses - 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.

FAITH/JUSTICE IN ACTION GROUP

Please join us on **WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER AT 5.00PM IN ST. MICHAEL'S** to explore ways we might faithfully respond, albeit in small ways, to some of the local and international issues that concern us. Recently we prayed as a parish community for peace in Palestine and Israel and we regularly witness in the city for a more just and peaceful world. Please join us! You are very welcome!

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 on Sunday, 29th September at 2.00pm as they gather at the RC Cathedral, then march to Derby Square?