

PEACE THOUGHTS

As wars plague many regions of our world let us use this poem by Mahmoud Darwish, one of the Arab world's greatest poets, as a prayer and a challenge. Darwish vividly recreates the sights and sounds of 1982 Beirut, then as now, under terrible siege from Israel.

As fighter jets scream overhead,
he reflects on the ravages of war.

THINK OF OTHERS

As you prepare your breakfast, think of others
(do not forget the pigeon's food).

As you conduct your wars, think of others
(do not forget those who seek peace).

As you pay your water bill, think of others
(those who are nursed only by clouds).

As you return home, to your home, think of others
(do not forget the people of the camps).

As you sleep and count the stars, think of others
(those who have nowhere to sleep).

As you liberate yourself in metaphor, think of others
(those who have lost the right to speak).

As you think of others far away, think of yourself
(and say: "If only I were a candle in the dark").

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

SUNDAY 10.00pm BBC2: TILL

Based on the true story of a mother's pursuit of justice for her son, Emmett, who was kidnapped and lynched by a group of white men in 1950's Alabama.

MONDAY 9.00pm BBC2: SOLAR SYSTEM

Professor Brian Cox explains the mind-blowing wonders of our Solar System.

MONDAY 9.00pm BBC1: 7TH OCTOBER - ONE YEAR ON

A year on from the events of 7th October, this report meets families whose lives have been changed forever by the Israel/Gaza conflict.

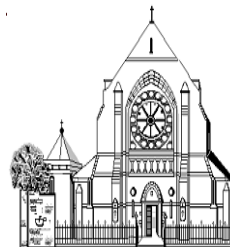
WEDNESDAY 10.00pm BBC4: THREADS

Drama, first aired in 1984, about the consequences of nuclear war and the eventual long-term effects of an atomic explosion on civilisation.

THURSDAY 8.35PM PBS AMERICA: THE CHOICE: TRUMP v HARRIS

In our global village, what happens in the USA sends ripples across the world. This report examines the credentials of both presidential candidates.

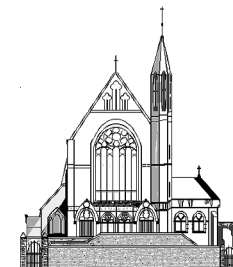
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5th/6th October 27th SUNDAY Yr. B

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 10: 2-16

It was into the sweet aisle of the supermarket the child had wandered. The cry was one of panic 'Where is my mum?'

The Bible says, 'It is not good to be alone', and also tells us that God is like a Mother feeding her baby. Jesus tells us we can call God

Our Father. So, families are a special part of God's plan.

Reading the gospel, we will find Jesus telling us to love your neighbour as ourselves as He went about looking after others. Familiarity, being there for each other, is what God wants for us and reveals what God is like.

If we do things as a child needing care, or caring for others like a mother we divulge the presence of God.



REMEMBERED ...during Mass

Michael Williams, Thomas Mather, Walter Cox,
Barbara Tinckner, Kevin Kelly, Karen Reason
and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

DEANERY NEWS - DEANERY SYNODAL COUNCIL

The DSC met to discuss plans for the future - in particular, how our Family of Parishes can work together and best use our resources to carry out Jesus' mission in this part of the archdiocese. The DSC is to send a question or comment to the ASC (Archdiocesan Synodal Council) - which will meet in November. Any thoughts/comments, please share them with our parish representative, Ann O'Connell, or with Fr. Fitz.

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 - this weekend.

'READERS' TRAINING

The Archdiocese is offering practical reader training with prayer and reflection 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.

SMASH PARISH FORUM

The team will meet on Wednesday at 7.00pm in St. Michael's. Observers may join us

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE HOLY LAND

On Monday, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem has called for a Day of Prayer, fasting, and penance to mark the first anniversary of the latest conflict in the Holy Land. To mark this, Archbishop Malcolm will say the **Rosary at 4.30pm, followed by Mass at 5.00pm.**
in the Metropolitan Cathedral
All are welcome to attend and pray for peace in the Holy Land.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

BAPTISM PROGRAMME Monday 7th October 7.30pm St. Michael's.
SVP Meetings - 16th October, 7.30pm.
Presentation Masses - 5th and 6th of October (see below)
Parish Forum - 9th October, 7.00pm at St. Michael's.
Newsham Council of Churches - 15th Oct, 7.30pm, St. Margaret's.

FIRST COMMUNION 2025

The children in Year 4 and above, along with their parents, have begun a programme 'With You Always', Communion Preparation. This weekend, we welcome our youngsters for the Presentation Mass when candidates for First Holy Communion will be presented to the parish community. Please remember the families in your prayers.

and

Tuesday, 15th Oct, 5.30pm, St. Michael's Irish Centre,
Session 2: Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

PAX CHRISTI

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

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!

CAFOD HARVEST FAST

Next weekend, we will hear about CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day Appeal. Please consider forgoing a meal or treat and offering the money you would have spent on it to support the work of CAFOD (the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development). You will find a CAFOD envelope enclosed in the newsletter. Please take it away, give what you can, and return it next week.
THANK YOU.

Do find out more about CAFOD's work at www.cafod.org.uk

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.