

PEACE THOUGHTS

Mary Oliver's poem, 'OF THE EMPIRE' (2008) describes well the state of society today.

*'We will be known as a culture
that feared death and adored power,
that tried to vanquish insecurity for the few
and cared little for the penury of the many.
We will be known as a culture that taught and rewarded
the amassing of things, that spoke little, if at all, about
the quality of life for people (other people), for dogs, for rivers.
All the world, in our eyes, they will say, was a commodity.*

*And they will say that this structure
was held together politically, which it was,
and they will say also that our politics was no more
than an apparatus to accommodate the feelings
of the heart, and that the heart, in those days,
was small, and hard, and full of meanness.*

Yet, the prophet Ezekiel challenges us to develop
a different heart and spirit.

*'I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you;
I will remove from you your heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh.'*
Ezekiel 36: 26

*Take some time to mourn the world we are building,
to ponder our culpability in this mess and then to find ways,
in our own spheres of influence, that will help to build
a world that has a 'heart of flesh'. This task is ours!*

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

SUNDAY 10.00pm BBC2: BELFAST

Film, set during the Troubles in Northern Ireland that offers a heartfelt plea against prejudice and division.

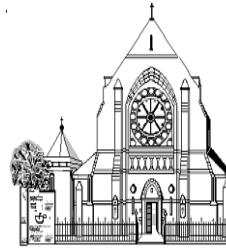
MONDAY 9.00pm C4: GO BACK TO WHERE YOU CAME FROM

Transports a group of six Brits with strong views on immigration to Somalia and Syria to see for themselves the conditions people are fleeing and then have them attempt the perilous migrant routes to the UK. Not to be missed!

THURSDAY 9.00pm C4: CAN ELON MUSK RULE THE WORLD?

Examines how much influence the entrepreneur might have on the US, UK and the rest of the world and explores his motives and ambitions.

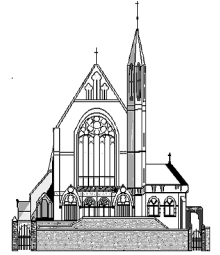
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1st/2nd February '25 Presentation of the Lord P.148

MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS Luke 2:22-40

When you were born, people stood around you full of wonder for weeks. Photographs were taken and news of your arrival spread around family and friends. Even in a small way, you were about to make a difference in the history of the world.



When God the creator arrived as a baby, history was about to be affected in a momentous way. Anna and Simeon, full of hope and with the wisdom of the elderly, shared their joy with all who looked forward to the liberation and freedom of Jerusalem, not without speaking of the struggle this would involve.

Let Jesus' way of living disturb your life as he arrives in your world, through you.

REMEMBERED ...during Mass

Yaw Poku, Osaretin Enagbae, Deirdre Hunt, Kathleen Clark
Helena Kilmartin, Malcolm Prince

Please keep these families in your prayers.

GAZA PEACE MARCH

Despite a ceasefire in Gaza, Israel's attacks on Palestinians in the West Bank have escalated dramatically. Please join the march calling for peace with justice for all people in Palestine on, **Sunday, 2nd February, 2.00pm, starting at the RC Cathedral and ending at Derby Square** where there will be speakers. All are welcome.

PEACE SUNDAY

Some of our parishioners attended the mass for peace at the RC Cathedral, celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm. They then listened to Dr. Gee Walker who spoke movingly about the murder of her son Anthony, about forgiveness, reconciliation and justice and encouraged others to forgive.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION MASS OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate Mass on **9th February at 11.00am at the RC Cathedral**. It will include the renewal of marriage vows and a special blessing for those married in a Jubilee year. Refreshments served afterwards in the Gibberd Room.

CELEBRATION OF THE MIRACULOUS CURE OF JOHN TRAYNOR

Tuesday, 18th February, 7:00PM at the RC Cathedral. Following the announcement in December of the miraculous cure of John (Jack) Traynor, a Liverpool man, at Lourdes, our archdiocese will celebrate this historic moment with special Mass followed by a drinks reception. All are very welcome to attend.

SUPPORT FOR THE DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

The Restored Lives course runs over six weeks, one evening per week. The talks cover the key issues to help you to move on and highlight the practical steps and tools to enable you to tackle the issues that arise from separation and divorce.

For more information, contact **Maureen 07967753371**

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL OF LUKE:

THE UPSIDE-DOWN GOSPEL

10:30am - 12:00pm, Wednesday, 5th February

The Irenaeus Project, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo
All are welcome! Ring Jenny at 0151 949 1199 for more info.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Pax Christi Meeting - Thursday 13th February 2pm Horne St.

Liturgy Group Meeting - Monday, 17th February, 1.00pm, Horne St.

Jubilee Meeting - Wednesday, 19th February, 7.00pm, Horne St.

WYA Session 4 - Tuesday, 25th February, 5.30pm, Irish Centre

THE YEAR OF JUBILEE AT ST. MICHAEL & SACRED HEART

Parishioners have met to see how our parish could move forward together to celebrate this special Jubilee year. If you are interested in finding out more about Jubilee and how we can celebrate in our parish then join us on **Wednesday, 19th February, 7pm at St. Michael's**. All are welcome!

PAX CHRISTI

The official peace group of the Catholic Church, Pax Christi, meets again on **Thursday, February 13th at 2pm** in the Parish Rooms, Horne St. Thanks to St Michael's for hosting us.

VISITING PALESTINIAN SPEAKER

Tuesday, 11th February, 6pm at the Unite Building, L3 8EF

Liverpool Friends of Palestine invite us to meet Iyad Burnat, a Palestinian author and film-maker from the West Bank. There will be a screening of his film and Iyad will speak about life under occupation today in the village of Bil'in, followed by Q & A. All are welcome!

FAITH/JUSTICE IN ACTION GROUP

How might we respond to the injustices we see in our changing world?
Will you join us to explore what we could do together locally?
You are very welcome to our next meeting on:
Tuesday, 18th February, 5.00pm at St. Michael's.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION CATHOLIC PICTORIAL

Check out the article in the Catholic Pic January edition if you are registering for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. Registrations are now open for Year 8. Closing date: 17th March.