

PEACE THOUGHTS

In the wake of Trump's announcement of the US takeover of Gaza, this devastating poem speaks for itself.

It is written by Fadwa Tuqan, considered to be among the most distinguished figures of modern Arabic literature. She lived through the Nakba, where between 700,000 and 1 million Palestinians were violently forced to flee their homes in 1948 to make way for the State of Israel.

Many Palestinians still have the keys to these generational homes. The imagery of the flower, being played with by a child, symbolises hope and the future, despite the terrible hardships faced. There is comfort too in the thought that their legacy will continue in their homeland. Fadwa thinks of her rebirth as a flower played with by a Palestinian child. This is the only future Fadwa can imagine in which she returns to her homeland: by being buried in it!

ENOUGH FOR ME

Enough for Me
Enough for me to die on her earth
be buried in her
to melt and vanish into her soil
then sprout forth as a flower
played with by a child from my country.
Enough for me to remain
in my country's embrace
to be in her close as a handful of dust
a sprig of grass
a flower.

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE FOR THE PEOPLE OF GAZA & THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK; FOR ISRAEL, AND FOR ALL THOSE IN OTHER LANDS SUFFERING THE VIOLENCE OF WAR.

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

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

This week, six Brits meet victims of war in Lebanon and Syria and experience what it is like to trek miles to seek safety and a better life. Will their experience prompt them to re-evaluate their views?

WEDNESDAY 11.25pm FILM 4: TWELVE YEARS A SLAVE

Award-winning film told from the perspective of the enslaved. This adaptation of Solomon Northup's memoir makes for powerful and essential viewing.

THURSDAY 7.00pm C5: SMART METERS: ARE THEY REALLY WORTH IT?

The truth behind the promised benefits of smart gas and electricity meters.

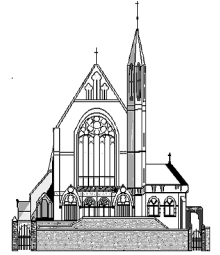
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MASS TIMES

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 5:1-11

We are teaching each other everyday of our lives, children, sisters brothers and our wider group of friends. All our friendships and other relations are, among other things, a challenge to change. Every encounter is an opportunity to become an answer to the other persons requests or needs. Colleagues show us what to do.

Jesus was gathering friends and coworkers. The fishermen helped him and Jesus helped them. Peter was overwhelmed by the meeting and at first could not imagine cooperating with such as Jesus. This weekend we come upon Peter and Isaiah hesitating to cooperate, but then Paul who is driven beyond unworthiness to share the good news with everyone.

We are to meet God, feel unable and then get on with collaboration with Jesus. Let's get on with the job, together.



REMEMBERED ...during Mass

Sydney Breen, Yaw Poku, Osaretin Enagbae,
Jose Mathew, Kevin Snape, John Bergin

Please keep these families in your prayers.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

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.

GAZA PEACE MARCH

With Israel's violence escalating daily in the West Bank, please will you join those calling for peace with justice for all in Palestine and an end to Israel's occupation on, **Sunday, 9th February, 2.00pm, starting at the RC Cathedral and ending at Derby Square** where there will be speakers? All are welcome!

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 a special Mass followed by a drinks reception.

YEAR OF JUBILEE: FOCUS ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Thursday, 13th February 2025, 6.30-8.00 online at:

<https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/m8vdwivd>

On line event focussing on human trafficking - a theme chosen by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales for 2025. Speakers will focus on how people are drawn into slavery, and what can be done. Input also on what happens after they break out of enslavement/trafficking, with a particular focus on Merseyside.

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**

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 MEETING

A small group meets monthly to explore how, as Christians, we might respond, through prayer and action, to the injustices we see in our changing world.

You are warmly invited you join us at our next meeting on:

Tuesday, 18th February at 5.00pm in St. Michael's. All are welcome!

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