

EASTER PEACE THOUGHTS

Let there be an up-rising of Christ -
crushed, crucified, entombed!
Let the earth crack! Let stones be rolled away!
Let the dawn push back the blanket of the night!
Let the trumpet sound! Let flowers open!
For we welcome the One, who affirms life!
Let there be an up-rising of God's little ones -
the dispossessed, outcast, silenced.
Let their land be given back to them!
Let the stones blocking their liberty be rolled away!
Let their stubborn hopes for tomorrow
re-shape the dark realities of today!
Let their own stories be heard!
Let our ears and hearts be open to them
for their struggles reveal the One who affirms life!
As you stay with us, Living Lord,
move us to take the risk to love as you did.
Give us the courage and tenacity to put our spoken prayers
into serious action as, in our own small ways,
we strive to reveal your Kingdom in our times.
Amen.

HAPPY EASTER!

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

SUNDAY 7.00pm BBC1: CHANGING PLANET: RESTORING RIVERS

Documentary revealing the struggle to save Earth's most threatened ecosystems and looks at efforts to save our planet's dying rivers.

SUN/MON/TUES 9.00pm BBC2: PILGRIMAGE

Follows a group of pilgrims of different faiths and beliefs as they travel the Austrian Camino. How will the experience affect them?

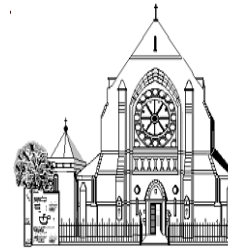
THURSDAY 10.40pm BBC1: HOW SAFE ARE OUR NURSERIES?

Assesses changes to the inspection system and hears from those who worry about the standard of care provided.

THURSDAY 9.00pm C4: TRUMP REVOLUTION: 100 DAYS

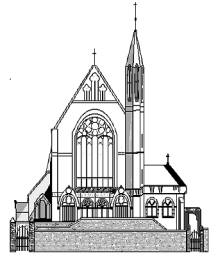
Examines Trump's unprecedented political and economic decisions that have left governments around the world scrambling to respond.

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MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart
Tuesday 9.30am St Michael's
Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart
Thursday Funeral Pat Hunt 12noon Sacred Heart
Thursday 7.00pm St Michael's
Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart
Sunday 10.30am St Michael's

GOSPEL THOUGHTS: John 20:1-9

Easter is more than a chocolate fest and extra days off from work. Easter is the time when we celebrate our own renewal of our faith and become the joyful people Jesus invites us to be.

Easter is when Jesus rises and we see life without death; the very essence of God, unhidden. God is life. We too are called through mortality to immortality. We celebrate sharing Christ's divinity - God, who humbled himself to share in our humanity'.

From the uncertainty of Jesus death to the realisation of what it all meant. We have reason to celebrate, we are loved and wanted by the God of life without death.



REMEMBERED ...during Mass

Patricia Hunt, Carl Richardson, Maureen Henderson,
Julia Livingston, Veronica Power, David Allen,

Please keep these families in your prayers.

WELCOME TO ARCHBISHOP ELECT JOHN SHERRINGTON

We offer a warm welcome to our new archbishop and ask God to help him in his new mission in the Liverpool Archdiocese. We keep him in our prayers and wish him all the best in his ministry.

MASSES FOR HOPE

The Deanery Synodal Council of our Family of Parishes has planned the following Masses on **Thursdays at 7pm.**

24th April, St Anthony's (Scotland Road)
Hope for those struggling to make ends meet

1st May, St Michael's (Horne Street)
Hope for those in despair

8th May, Our Lady's (Eldon Street)
Hope for our children

15th May, St John's (Fountains Road)
Hope for those with poor mental health

22nd May, All Saints (Anfield)
Hope for our war-torn world

GAZA PEACE MARCH

As Israel continues to decimate Gaza and violence escalates in the Occupied West Bank, please will you join those calling for peace with justice for all in Palestine/Israel and for an end to Israel's occupation on, **Sunday, 20th April at 2.00pm, starting at the RC Cathedral and ending at Derby Square, where Mohammad Tamimi, Director of the Hebron International Resources Network in the Occupied West Bank will speak.** All are welcome.

CONFIRMATIONS 2025

NEXT STEPS!

Join the Animate team and special guests live for the Sacrament of Confirmation Online Preparation Sessions on **Thursday 1st May and Thursday 15th May from 16.30-18.00** on the Animate Youth YouTube channel. No log in required.

DEMENTIA AWARENESS

On **Monday, 19th May, 2-3pm at the Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD.** Sr. Moira Meaghan, on behalf of the Alzheimer's Society, will focus on raising awareness of dementia and will discuss ways to recognize and support individuals living with the condition (followed by Mass).

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Deanery Synodal Council - Tuesday, 22nd April 2025, St Anthony's

WYA - Tuesday, 29th April 5.30pm, Irish Centre, 1st Communion Programme

Mass for Hope - Thursday 1st May, St Michael's (Horne Street)

Faith In Action - Tuesday 6th May, 4.30pm St Michael's (Horne St)

FAITH/JUSTICE IN ACTION GROUP MEETING

How might we respond to the injustices we see in our changing world? Please join us to explore what we could do together at our next meeting on **Tuesday, 6th May, 4.30pm at St. Michael's** when we will make plans for prayer and action. You are most welcome!

ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION

The important vote for all MPs on the assisted suicide legislation is likely to take place on 25th April. The charity, Right to Life UK, has a simple online mechanism to allow people to contact their MP to ask them to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed at: <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote> or, use the postcard to send the same message to your MP by post. Other resources on opposing assisted suicide are available at: www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Meets fortnightly at Pauline Book Centre (84 Church Street, Liverpool L1 3AY) at 18.30pm. Refreshment provided. Anyone aged 18-35 is most welcome. The upcoming meeting will be on 29th April, and the theme will be 'Praying with St. Carlo Acutis'. Contact m.mui@rcaol.org.uk for more info.

GLIMPSES OF THE RESURRECTION

An exploration of the Resurrection stories and how they challenge us today with Fr. Chris Thomas, followed by Mass at the Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD. Wednesday 30th April, 7th, 14th & 21st May, 10:30-12:00 noon.

MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

The impact of the 7.7 magnitude earthquake that struck Myanmar has been catastrophic. Millions of people need shelter, food, clean water, and medical care. Through CAFOD, we can provide the emergency help that affected families will need. Please donate at cafod.org.uk.