

## EASTER PEACE THOUGHTS

A conscientious objector is any person who, for reasons of conscience or profound conviction, refuses to perform service in the armed forces or any other direct or indirect participation in armed conflicts, including refusal to participate because one disagrees with its aims or the manner in which it is being waged.

Today, many young Israelis, who face compulsory conscription, are refusing to fight in the war Israel is waging in the Occupied West Bank and in Gaza against Palestinians.

One such objector is 20-year-old Yuval Dag, who made his objection to military service on grounds of conscience.

The army considers his refusal as 'the disobeying of orders' and he is currently imprisoned in Neve Tzedek military prison.

Yuval wrote,

*'I will not take part in, 'military invasions, violence, killings and oppression, which affect so many Palestinians and which has become the norm. The body responsible for executing this project is the Israeli military. Therefore, I refuse to give my body and my life to any system, or any country, and, in the current situation, especially not to the state of Israel and the Israeli military'.*

As International Conscientious Objectors' Day, 15th May, is marked around the world to raise awareness of the struggles of conscientious objectors, let us remember them and pray for Yuval and all who refuse to fight in wars.

## TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

### LOUIS THEROUX: THE SETTLERS: BBC iPLAYER

About ultra-national Israeli settlers who are taking Palestinian land illegally.

### TUESDAY 11.00pm BBC1: CHANGE YOUR MIND: CHANGE YOUR LIFE

Explores the benefits of therapy for people trying to face life's problems.

### TUESDAY 9.00pm ITV1: SHOCK & AWE: TRUMPS RETURN

Trump has changed the direction of the USA politically, culturally and economically. This report meets those whose lives are changing and those who support and oppose what is happening.

### THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: PARKING PROBLEMS: THE TRUE COST

Investigates the price of parking, asks if penalty charges are fair and exposes the latest parking scams, and how you can deal with them.

### THURSDAY 9.00pm FILM 4: SHE SAID

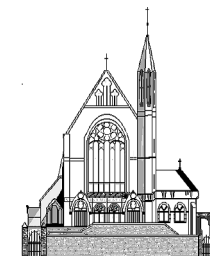
Tells the true story of two New York journalists who broke the story about Harvey Weinstein's sexual abuse, endured by dozens of women.

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## **THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART**

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### MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael's

Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart

Thursday 7.00pm St John's Church L4 1QL

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael's

### GOSPEL THOUGHTS: John 10;27-30

Men in shorts  
is the fashion  
lately, it's catching  
on. We listen to  
adverts galore and  
want what they are  
selling. We are  
influenced by  
people we admire.  
We want a phone  
that is up to date.



Amongst all this clatter and possibilities, we might not hear the voice of those who love us. Can we hear the voice of wisdom that values our humanity, not only our appearance. If we don't hear the word of God, we might well go astray and remain unhopeful and confused. The Gospel is full of Jesus' decisions and actions; God's advice; our means of joy, hope and wisdom. Let's listen.

## **REMEMBERED ...during Mass**

Richard Harper, Pope Francis, Julia Livingstone,  
James Norris, Michael Nugent.

**Please keep these families in your prayers.**

## **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.**

**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 Israeli forces 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, 11<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm. Meet at the RC Cathedral.**

**All are welcome.**

## **REMEMBER THE CHILDREN**

**In a small act of remembrance for the 17,400 Palestinian children & 37 Israeli children killed in the Israel/Gaza War, we will meet on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May in St. Michael & Sacred Heart Parish Rooms. Soup & a roll at 12.30pm, 1.00pm start**

to write the names of the children killed in this terrible war.

It will be a reflective and prayerful activity as we write their names then place them in the Terrarium, which will become a lasting memorial to them. All are welcome.

Please join us if you can!

## **WOULD YOU REFUSE TO KILL?**

Around the world, countless individuals are facing this hard choice, wherever military conscription is in force.

'International Conscientious Objectors' Day' provides an opportunity to remember their brave stance and stand in solidarity with them.

**Join us to remember those who, by their courage, established the right to refuse to kill on Thursday, 15th May at Derby Square (in front of the Queen Elizabeth Law Courts) beginning at 12.30 pm. We will remember them.**

## **UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**WYA Session 6** - Tuesday, 13th May 5.30pm St Michael's Church

**Mass for Hope** - Thursday, 15th May, St John's (Fountains Road) 7pm

**Liturgy Group Meeting** - Monday, 19th May, 7.00pm St. Michael's

**Parish Peace Vigil** - Wednesday, 21st May, 5pm Sacred Heart carpark.

## **'FOOD AT THE DOOR' APPEAL**

**Our Parish Pantry stock is running low!**

Please will you consider donating tins of food (with ring pulls) also packets of rice, pasta, pasta sauce, noodles and biscuits so that we can continue to distribute to those in need?

## **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](http://cafod.org.uk).

## **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 next meeting will be on 13th May.

Contact [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk) for more info.

## **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).

## **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 21st May, 10:30-12:00 noon.

## **CONFIRMATIONS 2025**

Join the Animate team live for the Sacrament of Confirmation online Preparation Session on 15th May, 4 -6pm. on the Animate Youth YouTube channel. No log in required.