

## EASTER PEACE THOUGHTS

Christ is risen! These words capture the whole meaning of our existence, for we were not made for death but for life. Easter is the celebration of life! God created us for life and wants the whole human family to rise again!

Pope Francis, Easter Sunday 2025

Easter is not simply a time of celebration: It is, as well, a time of decision. What is really to be decided is, whether or not, we ourselves, will rise from the deadening grip of this world's burnt-out systems to the light and life-giving time of God's coming again, this time in us.

Then the Easter Alleluia is true: God is surely 'with us.'

Easter is the 'division of humanity' in the struggle between light and dark. Yes, Easter is about dazzling light—but only if it shines through us.

Sister Joan Chittister OSB

'Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.

Victory is ours, through Him who loves us'

'Easter tells to us that, despite everything to the contrary, Christ's will for us will prevail, that love will prevail over hate, justice over injustice and oppression, and peace over exploitation and bitterness.'

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

## TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

### MONDAY 8.00pm BBC1: THE TRUTH ABOUT BABY FOOD POUCHES

Baby food in plastic pouches has changed the way many parents feed their children, but are they really as nutritious as is claimed?

### MONDAY 8.30pm BBC1: TRUMP: THE FIRST 100 DAYS

Examines the beginning of Trump's second presidency, which has seen sweeping changes in the US and far beyond.

### WEDNESDAY 9.00pm C4: GROOMED: A NATIONAL SCANDAL

Drawing on the experiences of five women who have suffered incidents of grooming, rape and abuse, this film explores how the authorities have responded to this nationwide issue.

### THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: AFTER THE INFERNO: LA FROM THE ASHES

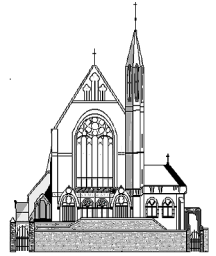
Explores the impact of the Los Angeles wildfires, with residents facing a long journey to rebuild their lives.

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

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## **26th & 27th April 2025 2nd Sunday of Easter p.129**

### MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Monday Funeral 1.00pm Maureen Henderson St Michaels

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael's

Tuesday Funeral 12noon Carl Richardson St Michael's

Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael's

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

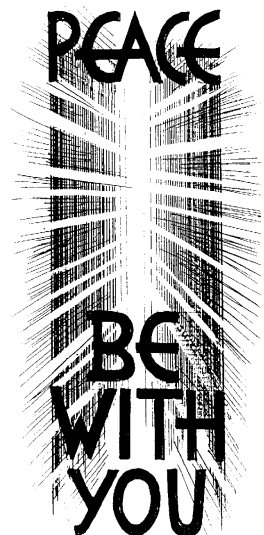
Sunday 10.30am St Michael's

### GOSPEL THOUGHTS: John 20 v19-31

Noises in the night can make us afraid. Anger at the checkout might leave us nervous. A quarrel leaves us timid to meet again. There are many events that cause us to be anxious or afraid.

Jesus had died, the authorities were after his followers, who had hidden away, scared. Battered and bruised, He sought them out and was a source of joy and peace. Typical of Jesus and his Father, he also gave his friends a mission: "...so I am sending you..."

Hesitation is inevitable. Jesus' presence, dispensing peace and joy is next. Being sent out to others follows. The happiness of Easter is for everyone not just for a few.



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

Pope Francis, Patricia Hunt, Carl Richardson,  
Maureen Henderson, Julia Livingstone, Veronica Power,

**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.**

**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*

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**St John's, Kirkdale**

2.15 Mass, Adoration and Confessions  
All are welcome on Sunday, April 27th

### **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, 27th April at 2.00pm**, starting at the RC Cathedral and ending at Derby Square, where there will be speakers. 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**

**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)

### **POPE FRANCIS**

At the beginning of this Easter season, we mourn the death and celebrate the life of Pope Francis.  
***Rest in peace, Pope Francis. Thank you for bringing a contemporary consciousness to the Church and for modelling actions which support that. May your spirit and vision of a more inclusive and loving Church live on, not least in each one of us.***

### **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, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 4.30pm at St. Michael's** when we will make plans for prayer and action. You are most welcome!

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

### **MASS OF HOPE AT ST. MICHAEL'S**

This coming Thursday evening, 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7.00pm, our parish will welcome parishioners from the other churches in our Family of Parishes for a Mass of Hope as part of our Year of Jubilee celebrations. Please join us to pray, with hope, for all who despair, then gather afterwards for refreshments and a chat. All are welcome!