EASTER PEACE THOUGHTS

Risen Jesus,

we confess that we too often close our ears to the cries of the poor; that we pay more attention to the life-in-its-fullness promises of advertisers and announcements of the rich and famous; that we seek to be entertained and comforted and not disturbed and challenged; that we would rather retreat into fantasy worlds rather than engage with reality and this earth's suffering people.
We confess that we take our freedom of expression for granted and loudly voice strong views and opinions about matters that are unimportant; whilst at other times, we are afraid to speak out when it might single us out, bring trouble or cause offence.
Meantime, our sisters and brothers across the world are silenced with bullets, or are shut away in dark prisons for voicing opposition and calling for change - for demanding that their basic human rights be respected.

Risen Lord, open our ears to the cries of your people; open our hearts to our neighbours, that we might love them as you taught us. Help us to hear your voice through the babble of this busy world where words are used to confuse, distract, manipulate, sell illusion, and buy power; help us to be still and receptive to your healing, encouraging and inspiring, life-giving Word. Amen. Iona Abbey 2020

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

LOUIS THEROUX: THE SETTLERS: BBC iPLAYER

Meets members of the growing ultra-nationalist community of Israeli settlers, who are increasingly taking more and more land illegally from Palestinians. It also reveals the impact this is having on the lives of Palestinians in the Occupied West Bank. Don't miss it!

TUESDAY 9.00pm BBC3: INTO THE DANGER ZONE

Explores life in Manila. Is the only way to survive the poverty of life in the capital, to join a gang?

WEDNESDAY 9.00pm C5: DEAD MAN WALKING

This investigation delves into the death penalty debate, meets those on both sides of the argument and examines the reality of life for those on death row.

THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: HOW TO GET HEALTHY AT HOME

Explores how we can make better choices when it comes to looking after our own health.

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MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart Tuesday 9.30am St Michael's Tuesday Funeral 12noon Julia Livingstone Sacred Heart Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart Thursday 7.00pm O.L. Reconciliation L3 6HQ

> Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart Sunday 10.30am St Michael's

GOSPEL THOUGHTS: John 21:1-19

A best friend is a source of confidence that they are willing to put up with us as well enjoying our company. Marriage is for better and for worse. Such relationships are a hint of God's love for us.

Sent out to tell the world about the resurrection, they made a mistake and retreated to their previous way of life; as fishermen. The risen Jesus corrects them with loving imagination. Advising them on a catch, he calls them to breakfast, and coaches Peter with an act of reconciliation.



The place where you belong, is where you are still loved after making mistakes. God loves you and calls you to love your 'neighbour' with Jesus' imagination.

REMEMBERED ...during Mass

Pope Francis, Julia Livingstone, Joseph Mercer, Michael O'Dowd, Michael Nugent. 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**. **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

No Gaza March (as such) this weekend. On 4th May it will join with the annual labour movement march to commemorate May Day. Assemble in Derby Square at 11.30am, then march to St George's Hall.

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 AWARNESS

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

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

<u>S.V.P</u>. - Wednesday 7th May (See Fr Fitz for venue and a lift)

Mass for Hope - 8th May, Our Lady's (Eldon Street) 7pm

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

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

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 <u>on Tuesday, 6th May, 4.30pm at St. Michael's</u> 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 next meeting will be on 13th May. Contact <u>m.mui@rcaol.org.uk</u> 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 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.

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?