

EASTER PEACE THOUGHTS

The video of six-year old Ward Jalal Sheikh, her small body silhouetted against the flames after the attack on the Fahmi al-Jarjawi School in Gaza City, shocked the world, highlighting the ferocity of Israel's attacks on Gaza. Jim Aitken, a grandad of three girls saw it and wrote this poem:

THE GIRL IN THE FIRE'

Ward Jalal Al- Shaikh Khalil

'The whole world saw her silhouette dancing through the flames of a school. There was something ethereal, some strange scene from a horror film, of a girl running for her life.

Her image, presented as news, a spectacle for the viewers, was of a real flesh and blood girl, running from a bombed-out classroom, of a girl running for her life.

Of a Palestinian girl from Gaza, running for her life, like so many other children screaming, confused and bewildered at the hatred for her people.

Yet, her six-year-old twinkle toes, a spectral presence in the flames, ennobled a battered people traumatised by our indifference as much as by missiles and drones.

And the girl too is traumatised at the world she was born into but she will run and stand for life, a real-life girl in a mad world

*Please don't only pray for the children in Gaza who are enduring the most unimaginable pain and trauma. Like our own, they are, every one of them, wonderful, resilient, creative little beings.
They put us all to shame!*

BOYCOTT ISRAELI GOODS (SEE DISPLAY AT BACK OF CHURCH) AND CALL ON THE UK GOVERNMENT TO STOP ARMING ISRAEL.

You'll find many petitions online. Let Ward's words ring in our ears: "I walked through the fire by myself." Heather Kiernan/Ann Farr

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

For challenging and insightful world news, follow Aljazeera English online.

MONDAY 11.00pm BBC2: THE CHILDREN'S ACT

This drama about love, intimacy and moral responsibility, is based on the story of Adam, a young Jehovah's Witness nearing his 18th birthday who wishes to refuse life-saving treatment.

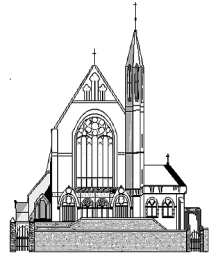
TUESDAY 9.00pm BBC2: SURVIVING SYRIA'S PRISONS Documentary telling of the fate of the 100,000+ Syrians who disappeared under the regime of Bashar al Assad

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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 Michael's

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael's

GOSPEL THOUGHTS: John 20; 19-23

The fear of that first jump into water gives way to the joy of becoming a competent swimmer. Ease in a friendship has often overcome the anguish of the first meeting.

The disciples were bewildered. Their teacher and friend was taken and killed; their confusion and fear had them retreat into a locked room. Their crucified friend was alive and calming their terror.

They were to go out and speak to people of many different languages. The spirit inspired them to go beyond their reluctance with joy, love and peace. The Spirit is God's energy and imagination.

We are called beyond our hesitations to the peace and happiness of giving our plans to God's imagination in our situation, drawing on God's presence and energy; the Holy Spirit in our mind and heart.



REMEMBERED ...during Mass

Ann Merriman, Richard Harper, Pope Francis,
Lynda Farnan, Jimmy Howells, Teresa Davies,
Please keep these families in your prayers.

ARCHBISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON

Bishop John Sherrington was installed as the new
Archbishop of Liverpool on Tuesday, 27th May in
the Metropolitan Cathedral.
We received a card thanking us for our 'ministry'.

LIVERPOOL PEACE MARCH

The weekly march through town for peace with justice for all
in Palestine/Israel, continues on Sunday, 8th June, starting at
2pm at the RC Cathedra. All are welcome!

JOURNEY INTO SILENCE

Introduction to Christian Meditation, Saturday 14th June, led
by Revd. Mark Waters at the Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD from
10.00-15.00. Book at: 0151 949 1199. Suggested donation of
£10. Packed lunch required.

REMEMBER THE CHILDREN

A small group gathered last week to write the names of the
children killed in the Israel/Gaza war, which will be included in
a permanent memorial. It's a massive task as almost 17,942
Palestinian children, 31 Israel and 6 Bedouin children's names
need to be written. We need your help! We meet again on
Wednesday, 18th June in St. Michael's for soup and a roll at
12.30pm then, at 1.00pm, we will continue to write their names.
When complete, the memorial will be on display in both our
churches. All are welcome. Please join us if you can

ONE HEART CONCERT

At the Metropolitan Cathedral on

Thursday 19th June 2025, 6.30- 8.30pm.

Join in an uplifting evening of music and solidarity, featuring powerful
performances from the Asylum Link Choir and the Choir with No Name,
supported by students from schools and colleges. The evening will be
hosted by Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Children's Laureate.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

The last First Holy Communion celebrations will take place
this weekend.
Please continue to pray for our children and their families.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

BAPTISM PROGRAMME Mondays 9th and 23rd of June 7.30pm
St Michael's Parish Rooms

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING Wednesday 11th June at 7.30pm.

PAX CHRISTI Thursday, June 12th, 2.00pm St. Michael's Parish Rooms

PARISH PEACE VIGIL

While wars rage across the world and our own nation grows rich
from the sale of weaponry that fuel such wars, will you add your
voice to the cry for hostilities to cease and for peace in our
world? Join us next Tuesday, 10th June at 4.30pm outside Sa-
cred Heart Church to bear witness to peace and repentance or
reflect/pray quietly in church.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE PENTECOST WALK

On Sunday, 8th June, the walk will start at the Anglican Cathedral and
move to the Metropolitan Cathedral along Hope Street. The theme this
year is the Jubilee theme: 'Pilgrims of Hope'. There are lots of exciting
things planned for the day - save the date. Parishes are
invited to bring along their banners,
which can be carried in the procession.

AN INTERFAITH WALK VIA PLACES OF WORSHIP

Jews, Christians and Muslims, starting at St Brides Church L8 7LT,
Thursday 12th June at 4.30pm.

INTERFAITH CONVERSATIONS

'Hospitality in all the faith scriptures' at St Vincent's Church,
12 noon to 1.30pm on 26th June, Hardy Street.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

During the First Holy Communion masses,
there will be no Children's Liturgy Of the Word.
We will resume on Sunday June 15th.
Please be in touch if you are interested in this