

PEACE THOUGHTS

A poem by Mahmoud Darwish, the celebrated Palestinian poet and author, whose writings, created a sense of Palestinian identity and were used to resist Israel's occupation of his homeland. Here, his message is self-evident. He repeats the same phrases, urging us to not only be grateful for what we have, but also to help those who are less fortunate. It is a powerful plea to be, 'a candle in the dark' and to help those in need both near and far.

THINK OF OTHERS

As you prepare your breakfast — think of others.
Don't forget to feed the pigeons.
As you conduct your wars — think of others.
Don't forget those who want peace.
As you pay your water bill — think of others.
Think of those who have only the clouds to drink from.
As you go home, your own home — think of others —
don't forget those who live in tents.
As you sleep and count the stars, think of others —
there are people who have no place to sleep.
As you liberate yourself with metaphors think of others —
those who have lost their right to speak.
And as you think of distant others — think of yourself, and say,
'I wish I were a candle in the darkness.'

**We either add to the darkness by our indifference and apathy
or we are a tiny light that defies that darkness. BE A LIGHT!**

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

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

SUNDAY 11.30pm BBC4: MISSION JOY: ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU & THE DALAI LAMA

Explores the friendship between the two men whose resistance against injustice and adversity has marked modern history.

MONDAY 7.00pm BBC2: HEATWAVES: THE NEW NORMAL?

How is extreme heat affecting daily life in Britain?

GAZA: DOCTORS UNDER ATTACK: CHANNEL 4 ON DEMAND

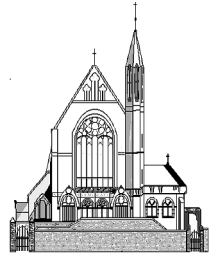
Forensic investigation into Israeli military attacks on hospitals and health workers in Gaza. If you missed it, it's still available on C4 On Demand.

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MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

Wednesday

**9.30am First Communion Celebration Mass St. Michael's
and 12noon Sacred Heart**

Thursday 7.00pm Eucharistic Service St Michael's

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael

GOSPEL THOUGHTS: Luke 10:1-12,17-20

'News travels fast,' we say when surprised. It is polite if we let people know we are coming. Anticipating a visit means we could care and prepare a welcome.

Jesus' work on his travels was creating wonder, admiration and excitement. People were asking to join his group. He organized seventy two of them to go ahead and prepare his arrival. Their excitement was not any less when they returned. Apparently working with Jesus' instructions, we too could discover joy, comfort and peace. This happened when the

enthusiastic ones took on the task of sharing the excitement they received from meeting Jesus.

It is our turn now to share Christ's peace and joy with others.



REMEMBERED...during Mass

Winifred Grant, Brenda Horan, Michael (Alan) Towey,
Huda Assad, Margaret Gore, Richard McArdle.
Please keep these families in your prayers.

LIVERPOOL PEACE MARCH

The weekly march through town for peace with justice for all in Palestine, Gaza/Israel continues on **Sunday, 6th July at 2.00pm** starting at the RC Cathedral. All are welcome!

REMEMBER THE CHILDREN

On Wednesday, a small group gathered for lunch, then continued to write the names of the children killed since 7th October as part of a lasting memorial to them, which will be displayed around the city. 18,000 Palestinian children, 31 Israeli and 6 Bedouin children have been killed in the war. There were moments of silent reflection and prayer as we found out about the children and saw their pictures. There was plenty of interesting chat around the table too. Will you join us next time? You are welcome.
Wednesday, 9th July, 12.30pm at St. Michael's.

CONFIRMATIONS 2025

Are you waiting to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation?
The arrival of our new archbishop, + John Sherrington, has meant that the bishops' diaries have had to be reorganised. As yet, we have not been allocated a date. It is thought that it may be after the summer holidays, possibly September or October. As soon as we have a date, we will let you know!

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

The Archdiocese is offering a four-session course for engaged couples, led by trained lay facilitators. The next course is on Monday evenings 6.30 - 8.30pm. Beginning 29th September at St Helen's, Crosby.
Course fee: £50 per couple. Contact: m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

PARISH FAMILY PICNIC

Come along play games and have some fun, Bring your own picnic, a drink and something to sit on. **All children should be accompanied by their parents /carers.**
Saturday 12th July 2.30 - 5pm
at The Irish Centre.
Looking forward to seeing you all there!

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

PARISH FORUM Wednesday, 9th July at 7.00pm in St. Michael's.

PARISH FAMILY PICNIC - Saturday 12th July, 2.30pm at The Irish Centre.

PARISH PEACE VIGIL - Tuesday, 15th July, 5.00pm at Sacred Heart

MISSION APPEAL

At last weekend's masses, we welcomed Father Peter from the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers). Your generosity has accumulated £179 so far.

PARISH FORUM

The Parish Forum is due to meet soon!
Wednesday, 9th July at 7.00pm in St. Michael's.
This meeting, important for the development of our parish, for sharing ideas and making plans together, is open to all. Come along and see what happens as we make plans for the future!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be in touch if you are interested in this very worthwhile work.

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Meets fortnightly at the Pauline Book Centre, Church Street, L1 3AY. The next meeting is on 8th July from 18.30pm, for anyone, 18-35 years. The group will be, 'Praying with Centring Prayer', followed by food and refreshments. Contact: m.mui@rcaol.org.uk for more info.

PARISH PEACE VIGIL

While wars rage across the world and our own nation grows rich from the sale of weapons that fuel such wars, will you add your voice to the cry for peace in our world?
We next meet on Tuesday, 15th July at 4.30pm outside Sacred Heart Church to witness for peace and to repent of our complicity. Please join us!

SUMMER SCRIPTURE EVENINGS AT IRENAEUS ADVENTURE WITH THE SPIRIT

9th & 16th July, 7.00 - 8.30pm at Great Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD.
More information and zoom links available from jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

PAX CHRISTI

Meets next Thursday at 2pm, 10th July, in the Parish Rooms.