

## PEACE THOUGHTS

Throughout September, the Church commemorates the Season of Creation - an annual celebration that invites us to pray and respond to the cry of earth.

This year's theme is: 'Peace With Creation.'

Today, let Pope Leo's words challenge and inspire our thinking.

*Environmental justice, implicitly proclaimed by the prophets, can no longer be regarded as an abstract concept or a distant goal. It is an urgent need that involves much more than simply protecting the environment.*

*For it is a matter of justice - social, economic and human.*

*For believers, it is also a duty born of faith, since the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created and redeemed.*

*In a world where our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, are the first to suffer the devastating effects of climate change, deforestation and pollution, care for creation becomes an expression of our faith and humanity.'*

*Pope Leo's Message on the Season of Creation 2025*

### A PRAYER FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION

Creator God, who made our beautiful world,  
appointed us as its guardians, and gifted us with everything we need,  
forgive us for the times we cause it harm,  
for the times our way of life affects our neighbours.

Inspire us to care for the environment, to help rebuild lives and communities,  
to share in the griefs and anxieties, joys and hopes of all your people,  
so that all your creation and your people across the world may flourish.

Amen.

Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund

### TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

Follow Aljazeera English online for challenging and insightful world news.

#### MONDAY 7.00pm BBC2: GLOBAL EYE

Looks at life in Kharkiv, Ukraine and charts the escalating crisis in Sudan.

#### MONDAY 8.00pm BBC1: FIGHTING THE COCAINE CARTELS

Reveals how cartels are using Ireland's remote coastline as a smuggling route into Britain as UK cocaine deaths surge and usage is the highest in Europe.

#### TUESDAY 12.00am BBC2 FILM: CLEMENCY

A prison warden has doubts about her role in the upcoming execution of an inmate and in the justice system.

#### THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: TOXIC LEGACY: HIDDEN DRUG SCANDAL

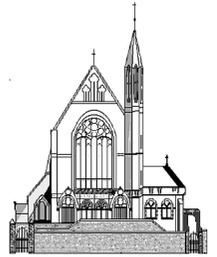
Investigates a drug, prescribed to pregnant women, which has led to life-altering health problems.

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### MASS TIMES

**Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart**  
**12 noon Funeral Service Niel McIver**  
**Tuesday 9.30am St Michael's**  
**Wednesday 12.00 noon Sacred Heart**  
**Thursday 7.00pm St Michael's**

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

### GOSPEL THOUGHTS: Luke 14:25-33

We would not run a marathon without training before hand. It would be foolish to go into an examination without preparing or swotting first. Our first reading reminds us that Wisdom has been given us to avoid our clumsy and often selfish way of dealing with each other. The father of the family shouted at his teenager, "You will do it my way while living in this house."

The Gospel passage, Jesus' very own teaching, is advising us to prepare and train ourselves for relating to our father or mother. "Hating" in Jesus time meant postponing; put in second place; prepare and train before acting. It is best to gather God's gift of wisdom; God's way of loving before planning and arguing.

To deal with anybody without coming from God's word first, is to give them less than the best.



### REMEMBERED...during Mass

Niel McIver, Daniel Johnston, Nicholas Wilde,  
Robert Rimmer, Catherine Pearson, John Harnick,

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

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Explores the stages of grief and how we might better support people in their time of grief, **on Friday, 12th September, 10.00-15.00**

at Irenaeus, Great Georges Rd. Waterloo L22 1RD.

Contact: Jenny 0151 949 1199 or [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk).

Donation £10. Please bring a packed lunch.

### \*\*CONFIRMATION 2025 REGISTRATION AND MASS\*\*

**\*Only for those who have completed the online course\*.**

Before the Confirmation Mass, those young people who are to be confirmed, must attend a meeting on Thursday, 11th September, 6.30pm at St. Anthony's Church, Scotland Road, L5 5BD to register their details which will form an important part of the celebration.

The actual Confirmation Mass at St. Anthony's with Archbishop John will take place on Wednesday, 24th September at 6.30pm

### 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](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)

### REMEMBER THE CHILDREN

A small group has gathered throughout the summer to help create a lasting memorial to the 20,000 + Palestinian, 31 Israeli and 6 Bedouin children, killed in the ongoing Gaza war. We are close to its completion.

If you can, please join us next Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September at St. Michael's. We share lunch at 12.30pm, then start writing the children's names from 1.00 pm.

Let's do what little we can to remember them. All are welcome.

### SVP

The SVP is an important part of parish outreach.  
Speak to Fr. Fitz if you're interested in getting involved.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**WYA Registration meeting:** Tuesday, 9th September, 5.30pm, St Michael's Church.

**Eucharistic Ministers' Meeting:** Wednesday, 10th September, 7.30pm at St. Michael's.

**WYA Session 1:** Tuesday 23rd September, 5.30pm, Sacred Heart Church.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

**KS1 and KS2 school children** are invited to be part of the Children's Liturgy of the Word. We need you - adults and parents, to volunteer!

Please speak to one of the catechists or come in on Sunday

**AND SEE WHAT WE DO!**

It is very rewarding and worthwhile ministry

See details below of a great opportunity to discover more!

### DAY OF FORMATION & REFLECTION FOR CATECHISTS

Are you a catechist? No matter what kind of ministry you are serving, this is a great opportunity to refresh your vocation.

On 27<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30-16.00 at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA, Sisters Carino and Hyacinthe of the Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph, will offer spiritual input and practical discussion on the mission of catechesis. The event is free of charge, but you are asked to bring a packed lunch. For info/booking in, contact Moses at [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk) important ministry. Please join us if you can!

### JUBILEE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

Join others involved in Catholic social action from across England and Wales in an afternoon of activities and reflection on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> September at the RC Cathedral. Starts with mass at 12noon with Emeritus Archbishop of Liverpool, Malcolm McMahon OP, followed by lunch, a Social Action exhibition and reflections from various leaders in Catholic Social Action.

### LIVERPOOL PEACE MARCH

The weekly march through town for peace with justice for all in Palestine, Gaza/Israel continues this **Sunday, 7th September at 2.00pm** starting at the RC Cathedral. All are welcome!