

PEACE THOUGHTS

This coming week, our nation will commemorate its war dead. Today, numerous wars are being waged before our eyes as we watch images of wanton destruction and death in Gaza, famine and appalling suffering in Sudan and Ukraine, but what have we truly learned from past wars?

Do we understand that there is no glory in war? It is 'waste'!

That is how Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy, an Anglican priest and poet, who won a Military Cross for bravery as a Padre in the trenches - put it in his poem. Initially a supporter of Britain's involvement in WWI, his views changed when he saw the devastation and utter destruction of God's creation. His poem sums up the futility and the immense loss caused by war.

WASTE

*Waste of muscle, waste of brain; waste of patience, waste of pain.
Waste of humanity, waste of health; waste of beauty, waste of wealth.
Waste of blood, and waste of tears; waste of youth's most precious years.
Waste of ways the saints have trod; waste of glory, waste of God - War!*

*Therefore, as we remember, let us not look away from the wars happening now -
let us march, listen, write, help, bear witness, use our power and our privilege;
let us learn and understand why men, women and children are lying,
their limbs crushed, under the rubble of war today.*

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

Follow Aljazeera English online for challenging and insightful world news.

MONDAY 10.45pm ITV1: BREAKING RANKS: INSIDE ISRAEL'S WAR

Israeli soldiers speak about what they witnessed during the war in Gaza, including allegations of serious breaches of international law, and raising questions about the reality of a war largely shielded from public view.

MONDAY 10.30pm BBC4: THE ART OF THE GOSPEL: SISTER WENDY

The Carmelite sister shares on religious life and offers her insights on the work of the great masters who depicted gospels stories in their paintings.

FRIDAY 7.30PM C4: ISRAEL'S UNSOLVED MURDERS

Investigates unsolved murders devastating Arab-Israeli communities and explores how weapons from Israel's police and army are being sold on to criminals.

FRIDAY 9.00pm BBC2: EMPIRE WITH DAVID OLUSOGA

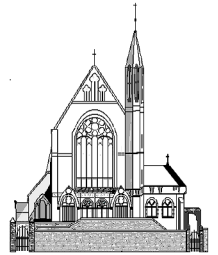
Explores how the movement of people around the British Empire continues to shape the world even today, from the enslaved Africans trafficked across the Atlantic, to convicts dispatched to Australia.

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8th & 9th Nov 2025

The Feast of Dedication of St John Lateran P.126

MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

Wednesday 12:00 Funeral; Noel McKinney St Michael's

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael

Saturday 1st Nov 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 2nd Nov 10.30am St Michael's

GOSPEL THOUGHTS: John 2: 13:22

"Go and change the world!" is the cry as mass is ended. It is what happens as we leave mass, that is also important.

'Wherever the water flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live.' Ezekiel and Paul in our readings today, help us avoid the corruption Jesus found in the Temple. If God's abundance is not flowing and shared Jesus is upset.

We need to see, to feel secure. To touch helps our belief. So, we treasure things we can touch and look at. The commotion Jesus causes in the temple is when He sees that our need for the tangible has blinded us to the presence of His Father, and worse, has given room for selfishness.



Listening to Jesus' actions, with the help of our devotions and our Church, let's check we are building a relationship with his Father. Jesus is our foundation, who wants us to know 'Our Father' and his kingdom. Our Father's plans for us and all the people we deal with, is what is important to Jesus and Our Father.

GO AND CHANGE THE WORLD!

REMEMBERED...during Mass

Francesca Asogwa, Janet Kinsella, Marianne Nottingham,
Jude Ilelejiy, Noel McKinney, Gaynor Kennedy,
Please keep these families in your prayers.

LIVERPOOL PEACE MARCH

The weekly march through town for peace with justice and for an end to the occupation of Palestine is on Sunday, 9th November at 2.00pm starting at the RC Cathedral. All are welcome.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On **Monday, 10th November**, there will be a CND Peace Stall on William Brown St. outside the World Museum, 11am - 1 pm
Tuesday, 11th November an Alternative Remembrance Day Service for Peace in St. John's Gardens (at the Peace Garden) at 10.30a.m.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD CAMPAIGN 2025

Wednesday, 19th November at 6.30pm in St. Michael's Rooms

During Advent, our parish will send Christmas cards to prisoners of conscience and to Catholic parishes in the Holy Land.

Come along to find out about the prisoners and parishes, let's pray for them and then address the cards we will send. Christmas refreshments on the night. All are welcome!

DEANERY SYNODAL COUNCIL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The DSC is appealing for small items e.g. new toys, toiletries, pencils, colours and colouring books or similar. Your gifts will be distributed through the Cathedral to Women and Children in Women's Refuges in Liverpool. Please don't wrap your gifts. There will be a box at the back of church to put them in. The appeal will last until November 22nd. Your generosity can help us bring joy to a family in need this Christmas. Any questions please contact Pat Daly on pat-daly@sky.com

ADVENT FAMILY FUN DAY

The DSC are organising an Advent Family Fun Day, Saturday 6th December 1.30pm - 4pm at The Irish Centre. Come along and join in the fun, there will be crafts and games.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please bring your own packed lunch, drinks will be provided.

Please come along and help us celebrate Advent.

For more information contact Ann on 07771883328.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Monday 10th November Liturgy Group 7pm St Michael's

Tuesday 18th November WYA First Reconciliation Service, 5.30pm St. Michael's

Monday 17th November Baptism Session 2, 7.30pm, St Michael's Horne St.

PAX CHRISTI MEETING

Second Thursday of the month at the Quaker Meeting House
November 13th 2025 2pm. All are welcome.

WHITE POPPIES FOR PEACE

Our parish traditionally offers white poppies for sale each November. To remember all victims of war (military and civilian), challenge war and militarism, and commit to peace, please take a white poppy. Any donations will go to the Peace Pledge Union, which works to promote peace education.

ADOREMUS 2025

Saturday 8th November, 9.00am-5.00pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral

Spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration, at Mass, and in shared prayer, with workshops and opportunities for Confession throughout the day.

This year's theme is Ministry with workshops on the vocation of all, reading at mass, eucharistic ministry and catechesis. They are for those already involved or for those thinking of joining in.

All are invited to join this year's Adoremus.

WHAT CAN I BRING HIM?

ADVENT EVENINGS

The Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD, are hosting two reflection evenings in Advent on Wednesday, 26th November and Wednesday 10th December, 7-8.30pm.

For more info. and zoom links contact:

jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

FUN QUIZ NIGHT

Micah Liverpool is hosting a fundraising quiz night on Friday, 14th November at St Bride's Church (L8 7LT). Doors open at 19:00 (19:30 start).

All proceeds to this social justice charity which does amazing work in our city. Find out about their work and enjoy a night of fun, trivia and healthy competition. Tickets £5 on the door or book via the website.

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