

## PEACE THOUGHTS

'Get up off your knees!  
Come out of your churches, your mosques, your temples!  
God can hear your prayers for peace and justice  
in this world, just fine.

When are we finally going to realise  
that humanity is the solution to inhumanity?  
When will we finally understand that we are all drops  
in the same ocean, hurting together,  
healing together, hoping together?  
So, don't just pray for hands to heal the hurting:  
**pray with hands that are healing the hurting.**  
Don't just pray for arms to help the helpless:  
**pray with arms that are helping the helpless.**  
Don't just pray for feet that are responding to need:  
**pray on feet that are responding to need.**  
Don't just pray for someone to do something.  
**Be that someone who does something!**  
Don't just pray for answers!  
**Be the answer!**

R.K Knost

## TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

### MONDAY 8.00PM BBC1: POST OFFICE - WHO'S TO BLAME?

With the results of the public inquiry into the Post Office scandal imminent, this report investigates who is responsible for the false prosecutions of hundreds of sub-postmasters/mistresses.

### MONDAY 9.00PM BBC2: ONE LIFE

Biographical drama about Nicholas Winton, who audaciously helped to evacuate hundreds of Jewish children during World War II.

### THURSDAY 7.30pm ITV1: ONLINE REVIEWS: CAN YOU TRUST THEM?

With new laws being introduced to curb fraudulent feedback, this report explores the tactics of unscrupulous traders in the digital marketplace.

### FRIDAY 9.00PM BBC2: HOW MERTHYR MADE THE WORLD

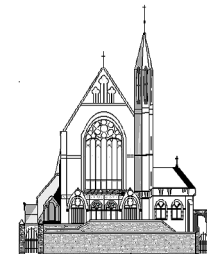
During the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, one town altered the course of global history. This documentary tells the incredible story of Merthyr Tydfil, once the beating heart of the Industrial Revolution, and an industrial superpower.

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## **THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART**

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### MASS TIMES

Funeral Veronica McArdle Monday 12noon St Michael's  
Tuesday 9.30am St Michael's  
Funeral Stephen McGuinness Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart  
Thursday 7.00pm St Michael's  
Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart  
Sunday 10.30am St Michael's

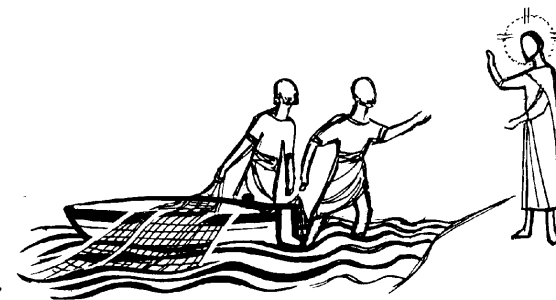
## GOSPEL THOUGHTS

Where would we be without family? At work we are caught up among colleagues to get the tasks done. Most things in life depend upon some kind of group work to be achieved.

A vocation is about what is best for other people.

Jesus the carpenter was called, after John's arrest, to a public life. The life and the work He was to do was for all those who needed love and forgiveness. Friendship and community were not only tools for the job but the evidence, experience and demonstration of God's calling to every person.

Gathering companions was the tool and target of the public life Jesus was called to. Simon, Andrew, James and John were only the beginning. Now we know the job, let us get on with it, reaching out to colleagues and sinners.



### **REMEMBERED...during Mass**

Stephen McGuinness, Veronica McArdle, Ray Davies,  
Margaret Cushion, Mahmoud Alzard.  
**Please keep these families in your prayers.**

### **REMEMBER THE CHILDREN - AN INVITATION**

Over the months, a small group has been working to create a lasting memorial to the 20,000+ Palestinian; 31 Israeli children and 8 Bedouin children killed in the Israel/Gaza war.

The Memorial, displayed on our Lady's Altar, contains 11,500 children's names. We now need to add the names of the other 9,000+ Palestinian children, who have been killed in Gaza, by the Israeli Occupying Forces, despite a ceasefire. To this end, you are warmly invited to join us **on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February in St. Michael's at 12.30pm.** We share a soup lunch to begin, then, start writing the names at 1.00pm. This is gentle, yet powerful act of solidarity and remembrance. All are welcome!

### **ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

The young adult group meetings resume at the Pauline Book Centre, Church Street, L1 3AY, 6.30-8.00pm, for more faith-based talks on: Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, with Fr. Peter McGrail  
Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, with Fr. Ron Johnson  
All, aged 18-35, are welcome to attend.

### **ACTION FOR PALESTINE**

**LEAFLETING:** Barclays Bank, Lord Street, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 1.30pm, highlighting the bank's role in financing Israeli apartheid and inviting customers to move their accounts.

**CHILDREN'S WALK FOR GAZA**, Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, Sefton Park, 1-3pm. A family-friendly children's walk bringing communities together to support vital aid for Gaza. Just turn up on the day. All are welcome!

**PEACE MARCH:** Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2.00pm starting at the RC Cathedral.

### **CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Any young person (Year 8 and above) who wishes to be confirmed in 2026, should complete the registration form with their parent/guardian at: [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk/confirmation](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk/confirmation). You will be contacted after 13<sup>th</sup> February when registration closes (probably after Easter), with news about meetings in our area. Any queries, please see Fr. Fitz.

### **SVP**

The SVP is an important part of parish outreach. The collection is the first weekend of each month. You are very generous. Thank you.

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

**Deanery Synodal Council** - Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 6.30pm St Antony's  
**Church Unity Meeting** - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 11am St Michael's  
**God for Grown Ups** - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 4.30pm, St Michael's  
**Ecumenical Meeting** - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February Sacred Heart  
**Children's Memorial** - Wed 4<sup>th</sup> February 12 noon St. Michael's  
**WYA Session 3** - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 5.30pm Irish Centre

### **COMPANIONS FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Safeguarding regulations insist that Eucharistic Ministers do not visit people alone. We are therefore asking for people who are not Eucharistic Ministers but who have some time to give to this work each month to consider this role. Accompanying our Eucharistic Ministers will be a way of serving those in our community who are unable to attend church but wish to receive the sacrament. Please let Fr. Fitz know if you can be part of this.

### **MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE MASS**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 11.00am at the RC Cathedral.**

It will include the renewal of marriage vows and a special blessing for those celebrating significant anniversaries. Refreshments afterwards.

If you are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary, please register online for a certificate, which you can collect on the day at: [HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/UE6AMHRQ6W?ORIGIN=LPRLINK](https://forms.office.com/E/UE6AMHRQ6W?ORIGIN=LPRLINK)  
For more info. contact Moses at: [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)

### **'OLD AND NEW' REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**

at the Irenaeus Centre, Great George's Road, L22 1RD,  
10:30-12:noon on, 28<sup>th</sup>, January and 4<sup>th</sup> February.  
Zoom links are available from [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)

### **DEANERY SYNODAL PROCESS**

Any parishioners interested in representing the deanery at Synodal Meetings and learn more about decision making. Please speak to Fr Fitz or Ann O Connell who can tell you more about the role.

### **KNITTING / CROCHETING FOR THOSE IN NEED**

Thank you to all those who have used their skills to contributed with knitted /crocheted squares, blankets and wool. In 2025 we have sent over 150 blankets to Armenia, Africa and Gaza. A fantastic achievement!  
Another 22 blankets have gone to Uganda this week.