

PEACE THOUGHTS

What if, in the Beatitudes, Jesus wasn't only offering hope, but a call to action in a world of injustice, violence and oppression?

This fresh interpretation, by Reverend Becky Withington, gives us food for thought and invites us to share 'the culture of Christ' with the world.

Blessed are the marginalized, for they are extravagantly welcome in the culture of God.

Blessed are those who care for the earth, for they promote a healthy, dynamic ecosystem that cares for us all.

Blessed are the bold,

for they see the culture of God manifest before their eyes.

Blessed are the empathetic, for they heal the brokenness of the world.

Blessed are the inclusive, for they see through the eyes of love.

Blessed are those with integrity, for their hearts, minds, words and actions are one.

Blessed are those who commit themselves to peace, for they disarm violence.

Blessed are those who organize, struggle and sacrifice for freedom and equality, for they bend the moral arc of the universe towards justice and peace.

Blessed are we in the amazing diversity of our ethnicity, age, ability, and orientation, for we make visible the glory of Creation.

We are all blessed!

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

MONDAY 8.00PM BBC1: OUR MAN IN MOSCOW

Report following a BBC journalist as he navigates intimidation and surveillance in Russia - one of the most hostile environments for journalists.

MONDAY 9.00PM BBC2: LOVER, LIAR, PREDATOR

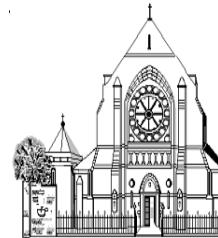
Follows four women as they attempt to bring to justice, Aaron Swan, serial predator and sex abuser.

WEDNESDAY 9.00pm BBC2: REFORM: READY TO RULE?

Examines the Reform Party's ambitions, its organisation and growing political influence and asks whether it is ready for government.

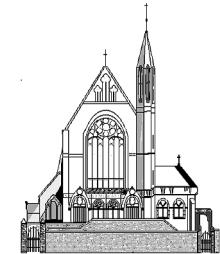
THURSDAY 9.00PM BBC2: I AM NOT OK: SPOTLIGHT

Mothers of autistic children share their struggle to cope as they raise their children with severe and complex needs.



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MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael's

Funeral Kathleen Conway Wed 12noon St Michael's

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael's

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael's

GOSPEL THOUGHTS

To be a person who knows it all, we become boastful and don't need to listen. If we are not seeking what we still need to learn, we are boring and bored. If we are humble we will eagerly seek wisdom. It is a wise person who will listen to you. And you will be wise to imitate them, and become keen to listen to others.

Jesus sat and talked with those who wanted to learn. For those who were seeking he sat down. They listened to him and wisely recorded his teaching for us to listen too.

Let's listen and seek out God's advice. Jesus delighted in those who listened and called them 'Blessed'. Let's encourage each other and practice listening every day.



REMEMBERED...during Mass

Stephen McGuinness, Veronica McArdle, Ray Davies,
Kathlene Conway, 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, 4th 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!

ACTION FOR PALESTINE

LEAFLETING: Barclays Bank, Lord Street, Monday 2nd February, 1.30pm, highlighting the bank's role in financing Israeli apartheid and inviting customers to move their accounts.

PEACE MARCH: For peace with justice for Palestine, Sunday, 1st February, 2.00pm, starting at the RC Cathedral, ending at Derby Square with speakers.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

In the first weeks of February, the UK churches commemorate Racial Justice Sunday - a time to reflect on the importance of racial justice, to give thanks for the gifts and beauty of human diversity, and to commit to end racism and acts of discrimination.

Our parish will commemorate Racial Justice Sunday next weekend. Let's celebrate our diversity and oneness together! Why not come in national dress?

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE MASS

Sunday 8th 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

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

God for Grown Ups - Sunday 1st February 4.30pm, St Michael's
Ecumenical Meeting - Tuesday 3rd February Sacred Heart
Children's Memorial - Wed 4th February 12.30pm St. Michael's
Liturgy Group - Monday 9th February 7.00pm St Michael's
WYA Session 3 - Tuesday 10th February 5.30pm Irish Centre

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.

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.

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.

NEXT PAX CHRISTI MEETING

Thursday, 12th February, 2 p.m. at the Friends' Meeting House, L1 3BT.

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. You will be contacted after 13th February when registration closes (probably after Easter), with news about meetings in our area. Any queries, please see Fr. Fitz.

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, 3rd February, with Fr. Peter McGrail Tuesday, 17th February, with Fr. Ron Johnson All, aged 18-35, are welcome to attend.