

## LENT PEACE THOUGHTS

In these days, something beautiful is happening!

Ramadan and Lent are being celebrated at the same time.

Millions of Muslims and millions of Christians around the world have entered their seasons of fasting, reflection and prayer, together. For Muslims, Ramadan is a month of fasting, a month of charity and growing closer to God. For Christians, Lent is a season of sacrifice, renewal and spiritual reflection. Different traditions, but the same values of compassion, generosity, and humility.... And there are other connections too.

Did you know that in Islam, Jesus (Isa) is a revered prophet, mentioned by name in the Quran more times than even the prophet Muhammad?

Mary (Maryam), the mother of Christ, is a central figure of virtue, devotion, and purity in Islam. She has an entire chapter of the Quran dedicated to her (Surah 19) and is described as, 'the best of all women'.

May we know that these sacred seasons call us back to what matters: humility, mercy, and generosity. Both invite reflection, repentance, and a renewed commitment to justice and compassion.

They are personal, but they are also political.

Our hope is that these twin seasons might strengthen our solidarity with one another - and with all who long and work for a more just and loving world.

Different religions. Different paths. Different traditions, but the same values of mercy, humility and love for our neighbour.

There is much we have in common, as opposed to what divides us.

Now, that is something worth celebrating!

**Let us all love one another more deeply especially in these blessed seasons.**

## TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

### MONDAY 8.00PM BBC1: WILL ROBOTS TAKE MY JOB?

With robots already out-performing humans faster and more efficiently, what does the future hold for us, both in the workplace and in society in general?

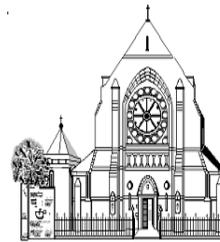
### TUESDAY 10.20PM BBC4: RED LIGHT TO LIMELIGHT

Moving documentary following a group of women, many forced into prostitution, working on the streets of Kolkota, India, who are trying to reclaim their voices by sharing the reality of their lives through the power of storytelling.

### THURSDAY 9.00PM C4: MOLLY vs THE MACHINES

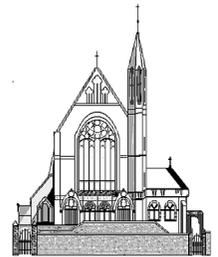
Documentary about the death of 14-year-old Molly Russell who took her own life because of depression and social media content, and her father, Ian Russell's fight, in the wake of Molly's death, for greater online safety for young people.

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## 28th Feb & 1st March 2nd Sunday of Lent Year A p.155

### MASS TIMES

Monday Funeral 12noon Anthony Perry Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael's

Wednesday Funeral 12 noon Eamonn Burke St Michael's

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael's

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael's

### GOSPEL THOUGHTS Matthew 17: 1-9

Mums don't send their little ones on errands until they grow up enough to cope with traffic and cash. To go to the shops for our mum is a sign we have grown up and can be trusted to do a job for our adult parents.

In our readings today, Abraham for the Lord;

Timothy for Paul; and Peter, James and John for Jesus, are all trusted with going on errands. We are sent out on that mission too.

The disciples are sent out from the warmth of a great brightness to unselfish tasks. Tasks, not only filled with joy, but with life and generous work.

During Lent we are invited to 'Listen to His Word'. Read the gospels and seek out Jesus' task. Let's be glad we are trusted to go and do God's errands like Abraham, Timothy, along with Peter and the other disciples. Jesus came down to spend his life to reveal his Father's loving plan for all of us.



## REMEMBERED...during Mass

Kathleen McIlwaine, Anthony Perry, Jose Mathew,  
Eamonn Burke, Laurence Williams  
Please keep these families in your prayers.

## ACTION FOR PALESTINE IN LENT

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

**PALESTINE MARCH:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2.00pm from the  
Catholic Cathedral then walk through town to Derby Square  
where there will be speakers.

**PALESTINE QUIZ NITE** (with special reference to International  
Womens' Day), **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm** at the Unitarian Church Hall  
on Ullet Road. Entrance: £9 / £5.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross, Fridays during Lent, 6.30pm at St Michael's Church.

## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY, 27th FEBRUARY

This Lent, let's live out the Gospel call to love our neighbour. By fasting and giving what we save, we join in Christ's compassion to help other families put food on their table. Your donation will help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions. Please take a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support; also donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. Thank you!

## 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, killed in Gaza by the Israeli Occupying Forces, despite a ceasefire.

To this end, you are warmly invited to join us on:

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March in the Parish Room, St. Michael's at 12.30pm.**

We share a soup lunch to start, then, begin writing the names at 1.00pm.

This is gentle and powerful act of solidarity and remembrance.

Please drop in, even for a short while! All are welcome!

## PILGRIMAGE THROUGH LENT

You are invited to a series of Lenten Evenings at the Irenaeus Centre, 32, Great Georges Road, L22 1RD on Tuesdays at 7pm 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> March. You can join via Zoom. For more info. contact [centreirenaeus@gmail.com](mailto:centreirenaeus@gmail.com) or ring Jenny on 0151 949 1199

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**Stations of the Cross** Each Friday during Lent 6.30pm St Michael's

**Baptism Preparation Sessions** - Mondays 2nd and 16th March  
7.30pm., St Michael's Horne St.

**Pax Christi** - Thursday 12th March - Friends' Meeting House

**WYA Session 4** - Tuesday, 10th March 5.30pm, The Irish Centre.

## COMPANIONS FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We are asking for adults visitors to the housebound, if you have a spare hour. Please let Fr. Fitz know if you can be part of this.

## SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Archdiocese Safeguarding Team will be visiting our parish on Monday 9th March in St Michael's parish rooms between 4:00-7:00pm to help complete DBS forms, for those who support the children, housebound and vulnerable in our parish. It is essential that this process is completed. If you are unable to attend please let Father Fitz know as soon as possible.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS

Baptism Preparation Sessions will take place Mondays 2nd and 16th March, 7.30pm in St Michael's, Horne St. For a place on the Programme, please see Fr Fitz after mass Saturday or Sunday.

## LENTEN RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Archdiocesan Lenten Retreat Day for Young Adults (aged 18 to 35) on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March at the Carmelite Monastery, Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 3NU. The day is free of charge, beginning at 10:00 and concluding at 16:00. Fr Peter McGrail will talk about the challenge of baptism and baptismal priesthood. Please bring your packed lunch. Interested? Sign up at: <https://forms.office.com/e/B8jbFyeYzV?origin=lprLink>. For more info. contact Moses at [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAY

The Irenaeus Centre will be leading a Eucharistic ministry training day on 14th March 2026. Please see Fr Fitz if you are interested and we can get you registered for the training for this important ministry.

## NON-VIOLENCE: A RADICAL RESPONSE IN OUR VIOLENT WORLD

Monday, 16th March, 6.30 - 8.00pm at the Quaker Meeting House, L1 3BT. An evening of challenge and reflection with speaker Nicholas Paz, Director of the Catholic Nonviolence Institute, hosted by Pax Christi Merseyside.

## 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.