

## EASTER PEACE THOUGHTS

In his traditional 'Urbi et Orbi' message on Easter Sunday, Pope Leo called on world leaders to lay down their weapons and choose encounter over domination. 'Let those who have weapons lay them down,' he urged. Speaking to tens of thousands of pilgrims gathered in St Peter's Square, Pope Leo urged those who have the power to unleash wars, to choose peace.

This should not be a peace imposed by force', he stressed, but one achieved through dialogue - 'not with the desire to dominate others, but to encounter them'.

Pope Leo warned that the world is 'growing accustomed to violence'. We are 'becoming indifferent', he said, not only to the deaths of thousands of people, but to the hatred and division war causes, as well as its economic and social consequences. Borrowing a phrase from the late Pope Francis, Pope Leo warned of the 'ever-increasing globalisation of indifference'. 'We cannot continue to be indifferent!' he urged. 'We cannot resign ourselves to evil!' Pope Leo stressed that the power with which Christ won his victory was 'entirely nonviolent', based on a love which 'creates and generates', 'forgives and redeems'. This spirit of love and forgiveness, he said, is the 'true strength' that establishes peace, and fosters relationships amongst individuals and societies. Bringing his message to a close, Pope Leo stressed that Easter peace is not merely 'the silence of weapons', but also an inner peace which 'touches and transforms the heart of each one of us'.

## TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

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### MONDAY 8.00pm BBC1: TRUMP'S IMMIGRATION CRACKDOWN

Explores the Trump administration's hard-line approach to immigration, which is dividing U.S public opinion and asks if these harsh policies are working?

### TUESDAY 10.00pm BBC4: SPEECHLESS

Investigates the free speech wars on US university campuses where conflicts over race, gender, free expression and social justice are being fiercely fought.

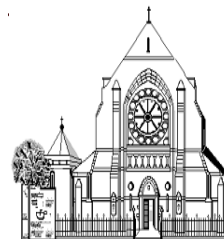
### WEDNESDAY 9.00pm C4: GRAYSON PERRY HAS SEEN THE FUTURE

The artist reports from Silicon Valley in California to explore how big tech industries are likely to shape the future of humanity.

### FRIDAY 7.30pm C4: UNREPORTED WORLD: SHOPLIFTING PENSIONERS

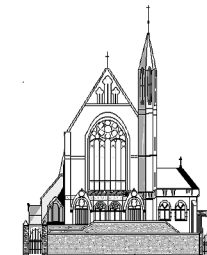
Explores the geriatric crime wave that is sweeping Japan.

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### MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart

Thursday 7.30pm St Michael

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart Church

Sunday 10.30am St Michael's Church

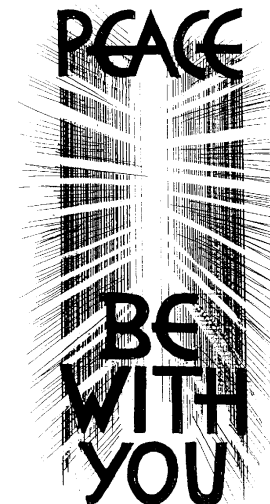
### GOSPEL THOUGHTS

When doubt creeps in between us, we are not sure, we are not at peace. 'They promised to met here but they haven't turned up. Perhaps they don't like me.' We need faith in our friends when it is evident we will disappoint each other sometimes. Faith is about things or people we are not sure of, or who have let us down.

The Disciples were saddened and confused. Their whole world was destroyed and Jesus, who promised so much, was dead.

Where there is doubt, faith is needed. Doubt and faith are like brother and sister; they don't always get on, but cannot survive without each other. Perhaps doubt was necessary so that the Disciples could reach beyond what they could manage and have faith in what was beyond their belief. Jesus obliges.

Doubt takes us to the edge of belief and faith invites us to trust things beyond our first imagination. PEACE.



### REMEMBERED...during Mass

Peter Barnacle, Joseph Mercer, Deborah Downes,  
Thomas Cheetham, Gary Parker, Eileen Tompson,  
**Please keep these families in your prayers.**

### AN EXPLORATION OF THE LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

Wednesdays, 10.30 - 12.00 noon  
15th; 22nd; 29th; April & 6th May '26  
at the Irenaeus Centre, Great Georges Road, L22 1RD  
Zoom links available.  
Contact: [centreirenaeus@gmail.com](mailto:centreirenaeus@gmail.com)

### LEAFLETING

At Barclays Bank, Lord Street, Monday 13th April 1.30pm,  
encouraging the bank's customers to move their accounts given  
Barclay's support of Israeli apartheid and the arms trade.

### WAVE A FLAG FOR PEACE! JOIN OUR PARISH PEACE VIGIL

*'No armed victory can compensate for the pain of mothers,  
the fear of children, stolen futures.  
Let diplomacy silence the weapons, let nations chart  
their future with peace efforts.'*

While war rages in the Middle East, in which the UK is complicit,  
will you add your voice to Pope Leo's cry for peace and join us  
to wave a flag, carry a banner on:

**WEDNESDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL AT 4.30PM  
OUTSIDE SACRED HEART CHURCH?**

### MISSION DAY

To help us reflect on the vocation of all baptised and our response  
to God's calling, the Archdiocese has organised a Mission Day event on  
Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30am -1.00pm at St Margaret Clitherow Centre,  
Croxtheth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA. Fr Peter McGrail will give the  
keynote presentation, followed by workshops on ministries  
(e.g. reader, catechist, evangelisation and Catholic social action)  
and a time of prayer & reflection.

Please register online before 17<sup>th</sup> April at:

<https://forms.office.com/e/TYfqTqFnig?origin=lprLink>.

Contact Moses at [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk) for more info.

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

New offertory envelopes are available for collection  
at the back of church. Thanks!

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

WYA Communion Preparation Tuesday 14th April, 5.30 at the Irish  
Centre.

SMASH Forum Meeting - Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00pm,  
St. Michael's.

### PARISH FORUM

The Parish Forum will meet on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00pm at  
St. Michael's. This meeting, important for the development of our parish,  
for sharing ideas and for making plans together, is open to all.  
Please come along and see what happens as we prepare for the future.  
You are very welcome!

### SHAPING A VISION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR CHURCH

Tuesday 21st April, 7 - 9.30pm,  
St Monica's Fernhill Road, L20 9GA.

A review of youth ministry in the Archdiocese is underway.  
Whether you have experience of working with young people or not,  
your views are welcome, especially the views of young people themselves.  
If you are in Year 7 or above, please come along to this open meeting.  
For more info. contact Sarah on 07415 099048.

### LECTIO FOR YOUNG ADULTS

A lectio prayer group for young adults meets every Friday at 6:00pm  
at St Vincent's Church, L1 5JN. For more information, contact James:  
[djmoroney@cantab.net](mailto:djmoroney@cantab.net) or call 07546667394.

### THANK YOU FROM CAFOD

Thank you for your generous donation of **£325** for Family Fast Day 2026  
Your kindness is helping families like Shorai's in Zimbabwe and Rejoice's  
in South Sudan grow food, even in the face of drought and floods.  
You have shown what it means to love your neighbour this Lent -  
fasting, praying and giving, so that families can put food on the table.  
Find out how your donations are helping to build a better world at  
[cafod.org.uk/thankyou](http://cafod.org.uk/thankyou). It's still not too late to donate!  
Pick up a CAFOD envelope at the back of church  
or visit [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope)

### 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.