

EASTER PEACE THOUGHTS

Pope Leo's close ally Cardinal Archbishop of Washington, Robert McElroy, received a standing ovation at the end of his homily, where he called on Catholics to take up civic action to help end the "immoral" war against Iran.

"When we leave this church tonight, we must move beyond prayer. As citizens and believers in this democracy that we cherish so deeply, we must advocate for peace with our representatives and leaders.

It is not enough to say we have prayed. We must also act! For it is very possible that negotiations will fail because of recalcitrance on both sides, and the president will move to re-enter this immoral war.

At that critical juncture, as disciples of Jesus Christ, called to be peacemakers in the world, we must answer vocally and in unison: "No! Not in our name! Not at this moment! Not with our country!"

Pope Leo echoed this during the week when he said, 'while prayer forms us, it must also send us.' This is not an aspiration, but an obligation.

'Peace is not someone else's task, it is ours, enacted here and now through the risky, concrete work of peace-making and reconciliation'.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO BRING PEACE TO OUR WORLD?

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

For thought-provoking, verified & challenging documentaries & world news, WATCH ALJAZEERA ENGLISH & TRT WORLD LIVE ONLINE

MONDAY 8.00pm BBC1: WHY ARE BRITISH JEWS AFRAID?

Reports of hate incidents aimed at both the Muslim and Jewish communities have risen recently. This report examines how such abuse has affected British Jews, in particular.

MONDAY 8.30pm BBC1: WHAT HAPPENED AT CHERNOBYL?

Documentary marking 40 years since the world's worst nuclear disaster.

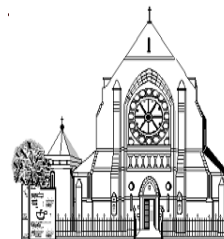
TUESDAY 10.00pm BBC4: SPEECHLESS

Explores how liberal ideals of open debate and diversity of thought are under siege, hearing from those on both sides of the debate.

FRIDAY 7.30pm C4: CHILDREN OF THE CROSSFIRE

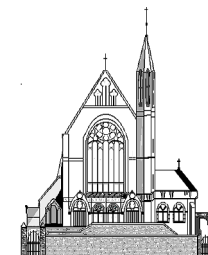
Reports from the US state of Minnesota, where a recent surge of immigration raids by Donald Trump's ICE guards has left children traumatised and afraid.

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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

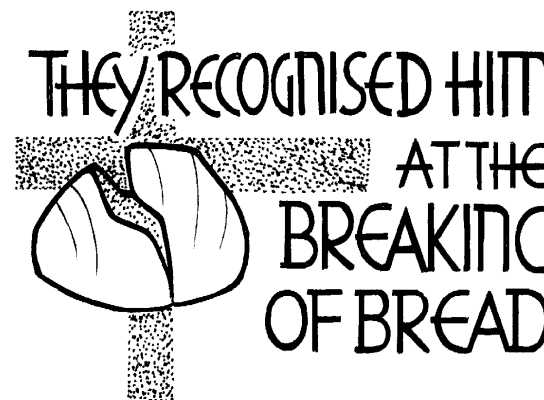
Sunday 10.30am St Michael's Church

GOSPEL THOUGHTS

The comfort and joy of friends working together is in sharp contrast to being split up by terrible events. Feeling secure and excited had changed to confusion and fear for the disciples. Some were getting out of town quickly.

On the road to Emmaus a couple of them were rushing away when a stranger caught up and, after listening to their story, struck up a conversation. Feeling comfortable in his company, they asked him to eat with them. Their sadness turned to delight when he broke bread. Fear and grief turned to comfort and joy.

Does Easter call us all to keep company, to listen and only then enrich the conversation? Is that how the risen Christ moves through us, to and for others?



REMEMBERED...during Mass

Ellen Duffy, Peter Barnacle, Robert Ryan,
Grace Anderson, Deborah Downes, Gary Parker
Please keep these families in your prayers.

MISSION DAY

To help us reflect on the vocation of all the baptised and our response to God's calling, the Archdiocese has organised a Mission Day event on Saturday, 25th April, 10.30am -1.00pm at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth 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 17th April at:

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

Contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk for more info.

AN EXPLORATION OF THE LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

Wednesdays, 10.30 - 12.00 noon

22nd April, 29th April, & 6th May '26

at the Irenaeus Centre, Great Georges Road, L22 1RD.

Zoom links available.

Contact: centreirenaeus@gmail.com

LEAFLETING

At Barclays Bank, Lord Street, Monday 20th April 1.30pm,
encouraging the bank's customers to move their accounts given
Barclay's support of Israeli apartheid and the arms trade.

REMEMBER THE CHILDREN - AN INVITATION

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, presently 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, 22nd April in the Parish Room at St. Michael's, 12.30 pm.** We share a soup lunch to start and then begin writing the names at 1.00pm. This is gentle and powerful act of solidarity and remembrance. Please drop by, even for a short while! All are welcome!

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

With You Always - Tuesday 21st April, 5.30 pm at Sacred Heart.

Remembering the Children - Wednesday 22nd April, 12.30 am
at St Michael's Parish Room.

Faith in Action Meeting - Tuesday 28th April, 5.00 pm, St Michael's.

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 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. It's still not too late to donate!

Pick up a CAFOD envelope at the back of church
or visit 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.

PARISH FORUM

The Parish Forum met last Wednesday.
This is a regular meeting and is important
for the development of our parish,
for sharing ideas and for making plans together.