

INTERNATIONAL CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS DAY

Every year, International Conscientious Objectors' Day (15th May) is marked to raise awareness of the struggles of conscientious objectors.

A conscientious objector is a person who, for reasons of conscience or profound conviction, refuses to perform service in the armed forces, or undertake any other direct or indirect participation in armed conflict.

Today, many young Israelis, who face compulsory conscription, are refusing to fight in the wars Israel is waging in Gaza, the Occupied West Bank, Lebanon and other parts of the Middle East. One such objector is Itamar Greenberg, who describes himself as 'an activist for reconciliation, equality and justice'. He has been jailed repeatedly, serving five consecutive sentences at Neve Tzedek military prison in Central Israel, for refusing to enlist in the Israeli army after being summoned for compulsory military service. He explains:

'For most Israelis, military service is not only a legal obligation, but almost a necessity - a marker of pride and prestige. But, as I learned more about the Israeli army's role in controlling and suppressing millions of Palestinians, I understood that enlisting wasn't just a gateway to Israeli society - it was active participation in a system of violence, domination and oppression.

I realized that if I joined, I would become part of the problem. Mass killings and apartheid are not, and can never be, a path towards security - they are crimes against humanity. I understood that for me, it was a choice: mainstream Israeli society or morality. I chose morality.'

Please pray for Itamar and for all who have refused to bear arms or participate in wars, throughout history and today.

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

For thought-provoking, verified & challenging documentaries & world news, [WATCH ALJAZEERA ENGLISH & TRT WORLD LIVE ONLINE](#)

THURSDAY 7.30pm ITV1: RISING BILLS - HOW CAN YOU SAVE MONEY?

With the war in Iran adding to the on-going cost of living crisis, this investigation looks at which household bills are likely to be hardest hit.

THURSDAY 9.00pm BBC2: ELON MUSK: THE NEXT CHAPTER

Tells the story of the polarising tech billionaire as he swaps rockets and electric cars for raw political power, with revealing testimonies from insiders and employees.

FRIDAY 9.00pm C5: BEN FOGLE AND THE BURIED CITY

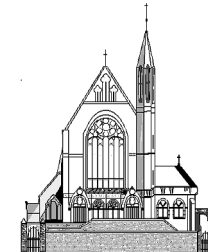
Explores the Caribbean island of Monserrat, now covered in volcanic ash after a series of eruptions in the 90's, meeting its resilient people who refuse to be driven from the island and who are rebuilding and recreating their lives after the disaster.

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MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael's

Wednesday 12 noon Sacred Heart

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael's

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart Church

Sunday 10.30am St Michael's Church

GOSPEL THOUGHTS John 17: 1-17



Mum died young and left dad with the children. Before she left them, she was full of trust in God and prayed with all her heart and what was left of her life. "God, as I have loved you, know and trust you,

I ask you to fill my family with all You know they need."

Jesus died too young and left God's plan with the apostles. Before He left, he was full of trust in his Father and prayed with all His heart and what was left of His life. "Father as I have loved you, know and trust you, I ask you to fill these Apostles with all you know they need."

To answer that prayer, Our Father fills us with His Spirit. So we trust that we too are filled with God's love, energy, and imagination; the answer to Jesus prayer. All we need to do is to spend our lives well and to die well.

REMEMBERED...during Mass

Robert Ryan, Thomas Worden, Don Gordon
Maureen Carrington, Jean Skanley
Please keep these families in your prayers.

NOTRE DAME SCHOOL REUNION

Did you attend a Notre Dame School in the Archdiocese of Liverpool?
There will be a reunion on 17th May for all ex-pupils & teachers,
with Mass at 11.00am followed by a complimentary light lunch
& a social finishing at 3.00pm, at the Irenaeus Centre, Waterloo.
A donation for our current charity & a raffle prize would be appreciated.
Please try to attend. All are welcome.
Reply by 3rd May to Bernie Shaw, 0161 483 0173 or
berniemshaw@hotmail.com

INTERFAITH CONVERSATIONS

Will you join people of faith from our local Jewish, Muslim and Christian
communities on Tuesday 19th May at 12.00 noon in St. Michael's Church
to share in a conversation using scripture and our life experiences.
Tea, coffee and sandwiches will be provided.
All are welcome.

SING GOSPEL! A SONGS OF PRAISE SPECIAL EVENT

BBC Songs of Praise is recording a special Gospel music event
at the Liverpool Olympia, West Derby Road, Liverpool, L6 9BY
on Tuesday, 19th May '26. Doors open at 5:30pm for a 7.00pm recording.
All ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Free tickets are available through Lost in TV or by calling 020 8530 8100.
Early arrival is strongly recommended due to overbooking.

TWO CATHEDRALS PENTECOST WALK

The 'Two Cathedrals Walk' will take place on Sunday 24th May at 3pm
when Christians from across the region will come together to celebrate
the great feast of Pentecost. All are welcome to gather at
the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King for a walk down Hope Street
to Liverpool Cathedral. For more info. visit: [https://www.ctmr.org.uk/
Groups/341586/Pentecost.aspx](https://www.ctmr.org.uk/Groups/341586/Pentecost.aspx)

FAITH & JUSTICE GROUP MEETING

'It is not enough to say we have prayed. We must also act!'
Robert McElroy, Cardinal Archbishop of Washington, USA

How might we respond to the injustices we see in our changing world?
Please join us to explore what we could do together at our next meeting
on Tuesday, 26th May, 5.00pm at St. Michael's
when we will make plans for prayer and action.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

First Communion Masses - This weekend until w.e. 6th/7th June.

Liturgy Group Meeting - Monday, 18th May, 6.00pm, St. Michael's

Faith & Justice Group Meeting - Tuesday, 26th May, 5.00pm,
St. Michael's

SAVE THE DATES

DAY FOR CATECHISTS - Saturday, 4th July '26
CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION CONFERENCE - Friday, 10th July '26.
More info. soon.

FIRST COMMUNIONS

This weekend, we welcome the children and their families
to celebrate their First Holy Communion with us.
Please give them a warm welcome and continue to pray for them
as they take this most important step on their faith journey.

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.

CONTINUING ALONG THE PATH OF SYNODALITY

Pope Leo has invited us to continue to embrace the journey of synodality,
recognising that 'our relationships do not respond to the logic of power
but to that of love.' As we journey through Eastertide towards the great
feast of Pentecost, we have an opportunity to reflect on the document
that came from the final session of the Synod on Synodality,
called by Pope Francis that Pope Leo is now urging us to embrace
at every level in the life of the Church.

Tuesday evening: 19th May, 7pm to 8.30pm.

To join the zoom meeting: Meeting ID: 899 8355 5285 Passcode: 981267

NEWSLETTER

We would like to recruit an additional person to join the team to type up
information and photocopy the newsletter. The commitment would be
for an hour or so each month. Please see Father Fitz if you would
like to know more. Many thanks.