

PEACE THOUGHTS

*'To be called a refugee is the opposite of an insult;
it is a badge of strength, courage, and victory.'*

Tennessee Office for Refugees

This coming week is **REFUGEE WEEK** - the world's largest arts & culture festival, celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and migrants.

Inspired by the lives and experiences of people seeking sanctuary, Refugee Week '26 invites us to explore the theme of **COURAGE**.

For refugees around the world, courage is a daily necessity. It is the courage to face unknown journeys, learn new languages, navigate unfamiliar systems, or simply to wake up each morning and step into an uncertain world.

At a time when some seek to divide and to blame, this week calls us to come together and share the courage to welcome, to stand for what we believe and to celebrate culture and community - to be joyful, imagine new possibilities, to dream, heal, and connect.

In his latest encyclical, **MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS**, Pope Leo establishes migrants and refugees as the 'litmus test' for social justice.

He frames how society treats the displaced as the ultimate measure of whether a community acts out of fear or out of a genuine, Christian spirit of fraternity. He explains that migrants and refugees, despite being victims, are active, 'missionaries of hope' who can revitalize communities and forge new paths of faith.

So, together, this Refugee Week, through simple acts - perhaps opening our door to a neighbour, having a chat, walking together, sending a message of welcome - or trying new food, reading a book, or watching a film that changes our view of the world, let's build for the future and practise solidarity with courage to make our city a more welcoming and safer place for everyone.

Find out more at www.refugeeweek.org and about the work of Asylum Link working in our district to support refugees at: www.asylumlink.org.uk

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

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

SUNDAY 9.00pm C4: FREE NELSON MANDELA

Documentary about the South African leader's 27-year imprisonment during the apartheid era and how he led his country to democracy from inside a cell.

MONDAY 10.55pm BBC1: ONLYFANS: INSIDE THE MACHINE

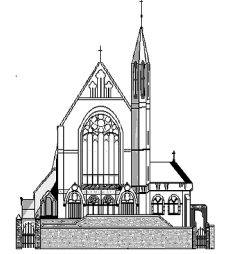
Explores the hidden ecosystem of exploitation behind the billion pound success of OnlyFans. It examines allegations of coercion, violence and potential modern slavery where young women are seemingly trapped and threatened for profit.

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MASS TIMES

Monday 12noon **FUNERAL** Pat Doran at St Michael's

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael's

Wednesday 2pm 1st Communion celebration mass Sacred Heart

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael's

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart Church

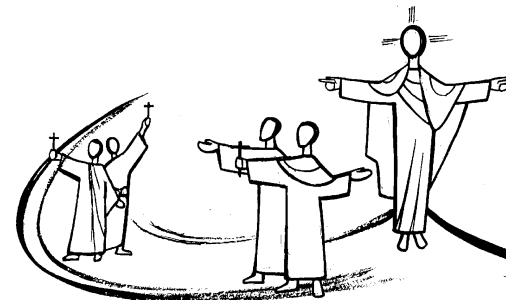
Sunday 10.30am St Michael's Church

GOSPEL THOUGHTS Matthew: 9:36-10:8

It is very important to listen before we set about a task. Moving from school into the adult world of work, we have to listen and learn again. Becoming parents is another episode of life and we must listen and learn to get it right and enjoy new responsibilities.

Jesus moved on from home with Mary and Joseph after listening to his Father in heaven. His friends, the disciples (learners), listened to Jesus and learned to follow His compassion for those who were "harassed". Simon, Andrew, James, John and others were not simply to be Jesus friends, they were to be sent out to the "sick" and the disturbed.

We, in our times, are listening, at mass, to God's merciful love and are invited to set about reaching those in need. Let's start at home, and then, with every encounter, **GO AND CHANGE THE WORLD** after listening.



REMEMBERED...during Mass

Ian Bailliy, Robert Ryan, Pat Doran,
Pat Craine, Susan O'Connell, Pat Hussey.
Please keep these families in your prayers.

CONFIRMATIONS 2026

For those young people who have registered with the Archdiocese to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, there will be a session on 16th June, 6.00pm at St. Anthony's. The young people will receive the sacrament at St. Anthony's Parish, Scotland Road on 22nd & 23rd June.

Please pray for our young people as they take this next important step on their journey of faith.

DAY FOR LIFE '26

Next Sunday, we will commemorate 'Day for Life' - an opportunity to celebrate the dignity of all human life from conception to its end. This year's theme, '**The Wonder of the Child in the Womb**', invites us to recognise that parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of grief and anxieties.

We will acknowledge the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy. As we renew our commitment to the sanctity of all life, let us pray that all life will be respected. Please find copies of the Bishops' message on this year's theme at the back of church.

PALESTINE COMES TO LIVERPOOL!

We have been warmly invited to All Saints Church, 93 Forefield Lane, Crosby, L23 9TQ on 25th June to meet two women, Alaa from Jerusalem and Nadia from Hebron in the West Bank.

From 1.00 - 4.00pm, there will be a Tatreez workshop, with a talk and demonstration on the rich history of Palestinian Tatreez embroidery, then, at 6.00pm, Alaa and Nadia will speak about their lives under Israeli occupation. This promises to be a truly memorable event.

CALLING ALL CATECHISTS!

No matter what kind of catechesis you are involved in, this is a wonderful opportunity for you to refresh your vocation!

On Saturday 4th July, Fr Luke Dominic Onwe will lead a Day for Catechists at St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby.

Please book at <https://tinyurl.com/yku82tt7>
or for more info. contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

SUMMER MUSIC & ARTS FUNDRAISER FOR ASYLUM LINK

Friday 26th June '26 starts 6.30pm, St Anne's Church, Overbury Street, L73HJ. £10 on the door, refreshments available.

CUPPA AFTER MASS

We'd love you to join us after mass in the Parish Room on Sunday mornings for a cuppa.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

1st Communion Celebration Mass for Sacred Heart School
on Wednesday, 17th June at 2 pm in Sacred Heart Church.

1st Communion Celebration Mass for St Michael's School
on Tuesday 30th June at 9:30am in St Michael's Church.

WELCOME

We welcome Bishop Tom Neylon, who is visiting our Parish this weekend. We hope he will enjoy his visit with us.

SMASH PARISH FORUM

The Parish Forum will meet on Wednesday, 8th July, 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.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION CONFERENCE 2026

Friday, 10th July, 9.30am start at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. After Pope Leo's encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*, this year's social action conference will be themed '**Humanitas: Flourishing in Action.**'

With keynote speaker Jenny Sinclair, the day will include an exploration of the Franciscan spirituality of the human person, discussion of faith and civic responses to rapid developments in AI, human flourishing in diversity, and the human person in creation. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/2vu44wu8>

LECTIO

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.

MISSION APPEAL

At masses w.e 27th/28th June, we will welcome Sheila Cogley from Network for a Better World, a lay missionary group, which works for the relief of poverty with specific support for women and children in a rural mission parish in Southern Malawi. She will speak about the work of the organisation and how we can all be involved in the mission of the Church overseas.

There will be a retiring collection in support of their work.

WHAT'S ON AT IRENAEUS?

PAUL, AN APOSTLE OF OUR TIME

Scripture sharing with strawberries and cream!
Tuesdays 7pm, 23rd, 30th June; 7th, 14th July '26 at the Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD. Zoom link available centreirenaeus@gmail.com

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY AT IRENAEUS

Mass and BBQ at the Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD, 3pm 28th June '26.
For more information contact centreirenaeus@gmail.com
Join in to find out about the work of Irenaeus.