

## PEACE THOUGHTS

"They shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks" (Isaiah 2:4) is the theme of Pope Leo XIV's Message for the 2026 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, celebrated 1st September '26. Thus begins the Ecumenical Season of Creation, which will end on 4th October, the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi and the 800th year of his passing.

In his Message, Pope Leo explains that, "the interaction between armed conflicts and environmental degradation often creates a vicious cycle, which destroys ecosystems, contaminates essential resources, such as air and water, and undermines food security."

Pope Leo links the wounds of war and the degradation of the earth to the condition of the human heart: "The conflicts that torment humanity are in many ways the outward expression of interior discord and division.

Where the heart is distorted, relationships suffer, and the structures we build begin to reflect that disorder".

### A PRAYER FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION

Creator God, who made our beautiful world,  
appointed us as its guardians, and gifted us with everything we need,  
forgive us for the times we cause it harm,  
for the times our way of life affects our neighbours.

Inspire us to care for the environment, to help rebuild lives and communities,  
to share in the griefs and anxieties, joys and hopes of all your people,  
so that all your creation and people may flourish.

Amen.

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#### **MONDAY 8.00pm BBC1: 9/11 THE SAUDI CONNECTION**

25 years after the 9/11 terrorist attack, tens of thousands of documents shed new light on claims that the Saudi Arabian government may have been involved.

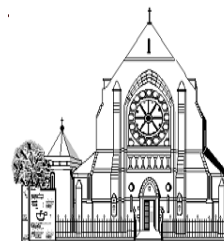
#### **WEDNESDAY 9.00pm BBC2: BRITAIN'S FORGOTTEN GIRLS**

Documentary exploring the institutional failures that have allowed the exploitation of young girls, who are being groomed, trafficked and sexually exploited by organised drugs gangs to persist for two decades.

#### **WEDNESDAY 10.00pm C4: WHERE'S THE MONEY GONE?**

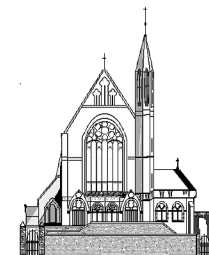
A financial probe by Dispatches raises questions about the finances of far-right campaigner Stephen Yaxley-Lennon aka Tommy Robinson.

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## **THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART**

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### **5th & 6th September '26 23rd Sunday Yr A**

#### **MASS TIMES**

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart Church

Sunday 10.30am St. Michael's Church

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael's

Wednesday 12noon Funeral Margaret Simpson St Michael's

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael's

### **GOSPEL THOUGHTS Matthew: 18:15-20**

'I'm having nothing to do with them! They hurt me!' Settling for division to solve a problem is not on Jesus' 'to do list'. 'If you do not warn the wicked....I will hold you responsible.' According to the Bible, and especially the Gospel, we are to try and try again to sort things out with those who have hurt us.

Where two of us agree on 'anything at all', we are more likely to be in line with Jesus' teaching. When two or three gather together in Jesus' name, we can be assured that we are in His company.

When relationships are in place, then that is the arena where God is at work. The Church teaches that we do not get into heaven alone, but together.



We must look after our relationships and connections. Community is essential for living the Gospel; for making God real in our own affairs.

### **REMEMBERED...during Mass**

Terry Neary, Margaret Simpson,  
Robert Peter, Brenda Campbell, Godfrey Carney, ,  
**Please keep these families in your prayers.**

### **CONTACT YOUR MP TO OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE:**

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted dying. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11th September '26. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill. There is a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes just a few minutes to enter your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop this flawed Bill progressing through parliament. For more info/resources, visit:  
[www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide)

### **WITH YOU ALWAYS (Holy Communion) Registration**

The With You Always Programme for families who would like their child/children to make their First Holy Communion starts again in September.

The programme is for baptised children in Y4 and above.

**Registration for the programme will be at St Michael's Church,  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 5:30pm.**

At this meeting families will be given all the information  
about the programme and a full list of dates.

For more information speak to Fr. Fitz or one of the Catechists.

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

The next Baptism Preparation programme starts on Monday,  
14<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm in St Michael's Parish Rooms, Horne St.

The programme consists of 2 meetings.

To register for the programme, see Fr Fitz after any weekend mass.

### **LIVERPOOL MARCH FOR PEACE IN PALESTINE**

Will you join the march for an end to the Gaza genocide on  
Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September? Gather at the RC Cathedral at 2.00pm,  
then march to Derby Square to hear speakers. All are welcome.

### **A TALK ON THE USE OF AI**

On Saturday 19th September, 2pm at the Pauline Book Centre, Church  
Street, Monsignor Peter Fleetwood will give a talk on the use of AI.  
What does it mean for Catholics to use AI whilst following the guidelines  
set out by the Church and Pope Leo in his recent encyclical.

Sign up at: [Liverpool@pauline-uk.org](mailto:Liverpool@pauline-uk.org)  
or call 0151 709 1328 for more info.

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

'With You Always' Registration-Tues. 8th Sept 5.30 pm, St. Michael's.

Sunday Lunch re-start - Sunday 13th Sept.

Baptism Preparation - Monday 14th Sept 7.30 pm at St. Michael's.

'With You Always' Session One - Tuesday 22nd Sept 5:30 at St.  
Michael's Church.

### **THANK YOU!**

A Big Thank you to Father Stephen for looking after us  
when Father Fitz was on a well-earned holidays.

### **AN INVITATION FROM CAFOD**

**Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, St Anne's, Overbury Street, L7 3HJ.  
Refreshments from 6.45pm - 7.00pm start, finishing at 8.30pm.**

Hear from CAFOD's international staff involved in the devastating  
2025 Myanmar earthquake; how communities were affected  
and about the agency's work with families - work made possible  
by your offerings to CAFOD.

### **ADVENTUROUS ACCOMPANIMENT DAY**

**Saturday, 19th September, 10am - 4pm,  
St. Margaret Clitherow Centre, L17 1AA.**

Accompaniment is part of life and is at the heart of parish life.  
Good accompaniment always helps people to feel seen, heard and valued.  
How, as a parish, can we do this better? A free workshop, open to all,  
has been organised to help us explore how we can develop a better  
culture of accompaniment as we walk alongside and support  
each other in our journey of faith. Please bring your own lunch.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/ysfb7wcn>

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

### **PEOPLES' EMERGENCY BRIEFING FILM**

**Tuesday, 15th September, 7.00 pm, St Anne's Parish Room,  
Overbury Street, L7 3HJ.** With input from UK experts in climate science,  
food security, health, economics, national security and nature, it presents  
a clear, measured overview of how the climate and nature crisis is  
affecting everyday life in Britain and what the evidence says about risks  
and responses. After the film, there will be a 45-minute structured  
discussion on what this means for our community. All are welcome.

### **VISITORS FOR THE HOUSEBOUND**

One person has volunteered. Thank you! If you would like to help,  
please give Fr. Fitz your contact details. We need volunteers!