

## PEACE THOUGHTS

*October is Black History Month. This year's theme, 'Honouring Our Communities' recognises and celebrates everyday individuals, volunteers, teachers, carers, and community leaders whose contributions shape and sustain society. Let's take to heart the wise words of black lives who have influenced so many.*

*'It is not our differences that divide us; it is our inability to recognize, accept and celebrate those differences.'*

*Audre Lorde*

*'If we accept and acquiesce in the face of discrimination, we accept the responsibility ourselves and allow those responsible to salve their conscience by believing that they have our acceptance and concurrence. We should, therefore, protest openly everything... that smacks of discrimination or slander.'*

*Mary McLeod Bethune (Educator & Philanthropist)*

*'If you can only be tall because someone else is on their knees, then you have a serious problem and white people have a very, very serious problem. There is no such thing as race. None. There is just a human race - scientifically, anthropologically. Racism is a construct, a social construct, and has a social function - racism.'*

*Toni Morrison (Nobel Literature Prize Winner)*

*'Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek!'*  
*Barack Obama (44<sup>th</sup> US President 2009-2017)*

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### WATCH ALJAZEERA ENGLISH & TRT WORLD LIVE ONLINE

#### MONDAY 8.00pm BBC1: CANCER BEFORE 50: WHY IS IT RISING?

With rates of many cancers rising among younger people, what might be driving this increase and how might the government help protect public health better?

#### MONDAY 9.00pm BBC2: DAMILOLA: THE UNTOLD STORY

26 years after the murder of 10-year-old Damilola Taylor at the hands of violent older boys on his housing estate, this documentary revisits the events, remembers Damilola's lively spirit and asks how we can better protect our children.

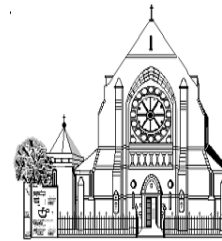
#### MONDAY 11.00pm BBC2: TILL

True historical drama about the lynching of teenager Emmett Till and his mother's relentless struggle to obtain justice for her son's murder.

#### WEDNESDAY 7.00pm CHANNEL 5: DEMENTIA

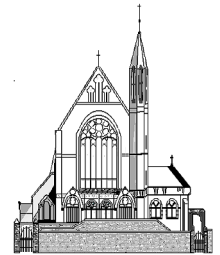
What is dementia, how do patients cope with the disease and what can be done to prevent it?

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## 3rd & 4th October 27th Sunday Ordinary Time p.137

### MASS TIMES

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St. Michael's

Monday Funeral Joan Duffy 12:00 noon Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St. Michael's

Thursday 7.00pm St. Michael's

## GOSPEL THOUGHTS - Matthew: 21: 33-43

In an argument, we are inclined to want to beat the other person; have the last word. Even with our best friend, we want to win in the conversation. This habit is the seedbed of ruthlessness and then violence. Wanting to win is often refusing to hear the experience of our friend or foe.

If we 'lose' after Jesus example; putting other people's needs before our own, we are producing the fruit God worked so hard for. Wisely putting other people's

### **THE LORD OF THE VINEYARD**



interests before our own is the opposite to violence.

Making space for everyone that we meet is the fruit.

Family life and wherever we work at decision-making is the harvest of the vineyard and the site of the Holy Spirit arriving; God's silent and persistent presence, right there among us.

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

Beverley McQuilliam, Mary Seddon, Margaret Simpson,  
Joan Duffy, Debbie Howard, Margaret Brown.  
**Please keep these families in your prayers.**

### **POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER**

#### **For mental health ministry:**

Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses. Lord in your mercy.

### **CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY APPEAL '26**

Last Friday, 2nd October was Harvest Fast Day.

At this time, we are invited to pray, eat simply and give generously, donating what we would have spent on the day to this year's CAFOD appeal. In this way, we will help to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours and put our faith into action, as the gospel invites us to.

This year's appeal will support children in Zimbabwe to stay in school with better access to water, nourishing school meals and gardens where food can be grown, even during times of drought.

Please take a CAFOD envelope and return it to church next week, or go online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030 to donate.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

### **UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**

The Chaplaincy to Liverpool and John Moore's Universities, and LIPA is based at St Philip Neri Church, Catharine St, L8 7NL, offering a place of welcome and hospitality for students and staff. It's a place for students to explore their faith, develop their prayer life and socialise with one another; also for staff who wish to deepen their faith, with reading and fortnightly meetings.

The Student Sunday Mass is at 6pm during term time, with many events through the week and the academic year. The chaplain, Fr Neil Ritchie, is always available to help and support students and staff.

Please contact Fr Neil at [n.ritchie@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:n.ritchie@rcaol.org.uk); phone 0151 709 3858, or visit the website: [www.cathchap.org.uk](http://www.cathchap.org.uk) to find out more. All are welcome.

### **VISITORS TO THE HOUSEBOUND**

One person has volunteered. Thank you!

If you would like to help, please give Fr. Fitz your contact details.

We need volunteers!

### **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](mailto:djmoroney@cantab.net) or call 07546667394.

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

**Parish Forum Meeting** - Wednesday, 7th October, 7.00pm at St Michael's.

**Adoremus Liverpool 2026** - Saturday 10 October, starts 9:00am Mass, see below for details.

### **BAPTISM**

If you would like your child to be baptised at St Michael's or Sacred Heart Church, you can pick up a Baptism Request Form after both weekend masses. Please complete the form and return it at mass the following weekend. After this, we will advise you of the date for the next available Baptism Programme.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**KS1 and KS2 school children** are invited to be part of the Children's Liturgy of the Word. We need you - adults and parents, to volunteer! Please speak to one of the catechists or come in any Sunday.

And see what we do!

It is very rewarding and worthwhile ministry.

### **SMASH PARISH FORUM**

The Parish Forum will meet on Wednesday, 7th October 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

### **ADOREMUS LIVERPOOL '26**

On 10th October at the Metropolitan Cathedral, join Archbishop John to explore the theme, 'How We Are Eucharist'. The day starts with mass at 9.00am, followed by Adoration throughout the day, opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation and several workshops exploring a variety of spiritualities. To find out about the workshops, times and venues, sign up at:

<https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/ljycvzsu>

This event is free and available to all. Not to be missed!

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

#### **SUNDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

An invitation to join the march for a ceasefire and an end to genocide! Please gather at the RC Cathedral at 2.00pm, then march to Derby Square to hear speakers. All are welcome!