PEACE THOUGHTS

A new report from the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, the top investigative body on Palestine and Israel in the United Nations, concluded that Israeli authorities and forces have committed the crime against humanity of age-based persecution against Palestinian children. The report said Israeli forces had "deliberately killed and caused serious bodily and mental harm to Palestinian children on account of their status as Palestinian children". Between 7th October 2023 and 30th September 2026, Israeli forces killed 1,080 Palestinians in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, among them, at least 237 boys and seven girls, and wounded 10,940, according to UN figures cited in the report. More than 23,000 Palestinian children have been killed since in the beginning of the Gaza War.

Good God, we know you hold the children close to you, for you have said, "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven." (Matthew 18:10) Lord, we cry out to you for the oppressed children of the world, especially in the Holy Land. Help us with our faith, help us with our witness, that we may secure a future of life and dignity for all children. Lord in your mercy…hear our prayer.

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

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

SUNDAY 10.35pm ITV1: INSIDE THE ASYLUM CAMP
Undercover investigation examines conditions at the asylum camp at Crowborough, which houses asylum seekers and looks at the community's response to their presence in the town.

MONDAY/TUESDAY 9.00pm C4: I AM HELEN
In two-parts, this drama examines the pressures placed on women confronting toxic masculinity, as a young woman grows increasingly troubled by her boyfriend's behaviour.

TUESDAY 9.00pm BBC1: FIRE & FLOODS: OUR EXTREME WEATHER
Investigates the impact of climate change on our weather and questions whether we are prepared for the changes that are coming.

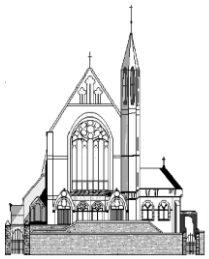
FRIDAY 7.30pm C4: UNREPORTED WORLD: CHINA'S GENERATION XL
Explores the contradictory food and body culture of China and its impact on young people.

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MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart
Tuesday 9.30am St Michael's
Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart
Thursday NO MASS D.S.C.

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart
Sunday 10.30am St Michael's

GOSPEL THOUGHTS Matthew 25: 14-30

Each family has as many gifted members as people living together in the home. Cooking, football, dancing, making the others laugh, are just some of the talents that fill our homes with joy and love as well forgiving each other for annoying one another. Some of these gifts make up our personality and are God-given, others, we learn as we grow up among friends and grow to maturity.

The book of the bible titled, "Proverbs" focuses on the contribution of mums and all they do for their family.
In the Gospel today, Jesus knows that his enemies are putting a stop to his influence on the people and wants his friends to carry on being that example.

Alongside all the other people and ways, we learn in life, baptised people are called by God and trusted with talents to be an influence like Jesus. God has given all of us special gifts 'in proportion to our ability'. There will be a time for congratulations and sharing **Jesus'** happiness.



REMEMBERED...during Mass

Peter Cookson, Bernard Jackson, William Byatt, Kevin McManus, Marie McEvitt, Nicholas Wilde.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

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 of the next available Baptism Programme.

DEANERY SYNODAL COUNCIL

This Thursday, the Deanery Synodal Council will gather at 6.30pm in the meeting room at St. Michael's to discuss how we can work with the other churches in our deanery to develop the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan. This important task lies ahead of us! We need your interest and support. Come along to find out more. You will be very welcome!

YOUTH SUNDAY

Free event for 11–17- year- olds on Sunday 22nd November 10-6pm, at the LACE Conference Centre, L17 1AA. Young people will gather to explore the theme, 'Take Courage, I Have Overcome the World', to meet other young people and discover how to put their faith into action. Guest speakers, interactive workshops and a marketplace featuring groups and opportunities to get involved with. Mass at 4pm with Archbishop John. **YOU MUST SIGN UP VIA THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL WEBSITE**. Bring your own lunch!

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD CAMPAIGN 2026

Thursday, 26th November at 6.30pm in St. Michael's Rooms.

During Advent, our parish will send Christmas cards to prisoners of conscience and to Catholic parishes in the Holy Land. Come along to find out about the prisoners and parishes, let's pray for them and then address the cards we will send. Christmas refreshments on the night. All are welcome!

DISCERNING IN A DIGITAL AGE WORKSHOPS

Join the FCJ Sisters online on Wednesdays, 18th, 25th November & 2nd December, 7:30pm – 8:30pm for a series of workshops considering the pressures we face as we try to be attentive to God's Spirit among all the things that clamour for our attention. Join them as they look at the challenges of discerning in an age of noise.

Sign up at: https://forms.gle/Bt21usn13c8tQbk17

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

God for Grown Ups – Sunday 15th November at 5.00pm in St. Michael's.

Liturgy Group Meeting – Monday, 16th November 6.00pm, St. Michael's.

Family Fun Day - Saturday 21st November 2pm, The Irish Centre.

WYA RECONCILIATION SERVICE

This will be held at Sacred Heart Church, Tuesday 17th November, 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along to pray for and support our young people and their families.

FAMILY FUN DAY

Children's Crafts, games and prizes, all in good company. Bring along your own sandwiches/snacks and we'll provide everything else for FREE. Come and join us before the business of Christmas begins. We would love to see you there. **Saturday November 21st, 2pm at The Irish Centre.**

AN ADVENT VIGIL

Get ready for the coming of Christ, Sunday 29th November, 6pm at St Margaret's Church, Belmont Road.

SCRIPTURE MORNINGS A LOOK AT THE PARABLES

10.30am – 12 noon on Wednesdays: 18th & 26th November at the Irenaeus Centre, Great Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD. For more info. on both events, contact: **centreirenaeus@gmail.com**.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING

28th November 9.15am to 4pm, at The Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD. The day will examine our baptismal calling, Vatican II's teaching on ministry, and the role of the Eucharistic minister. This is an ideal opportunity for you to find out more about this vital ministry in the life of our parish or to refresh your commitment. See Father Fitz if you are interested so we can get you enrolled!

NUGENT CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

This Christmas, many children and young people across the Liverpool City Region may wake up without a single gift to open. You can help change that! During November, Nugent, the Catholic charity that cares for, educates, and protects vulnerable children and adults across the North West, is asking for donations of new, unopened toys and gifts for primary ages (4-11) and secondary aged (11-16) children, suitable for both girls and boys. If you would like to donate, please place your donations (unwrapped) in the box at the back of church. Thank you!