PEACE THOUGHTS

'Take the uniforms off two dead boys, lying in a muddy crater, and tell me which one was the monster and which one was the hero. Both died screaming for their mothers in the dark, while the men who started the war ate warm dinner.'

Erich Maria Remarque

No woman on earth spends nine months carrying a child in her womb, just so generals can use his bones to take a hill. A flag is just a piece of cloth, used to blindfold ordinary people, before they murder their own brothers.'

Leo Tolstoy

Erich Maria Remarque understood war through the eyes of those forced to endure it: young men buried in mud, terrified civilians, and families waiting for sons who would never return. Leo Tolstoy questioned the nationalism that can turn ordinary human beings into enemies simply because they wear different uniforms.
Imagine two soldiers meeting on opposite sides of a battlefield.
Both have mothers waiting at home. Both were once children with ordinary dreams.
Yet history may remember one as a hero and the other as an enemy.
War is often described through victories, territory, and national pride.
But those words cannot capture the empty chairs, shattered families,
and lives that never get another chance. When two ordinary people die
for a conflict they never created, who really wins the war?

LET US PRAY FOR ALL CAUGHT IN THE GRIP OF WAR AND THAT TODAY'S WORLD LEADERS WILL NOT SEE WAR AS A GLORIOUS SOLUTION TO THEIR POLITICAL DIFFERENCES OR DISPUTES!

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SUNDAY 8.00pm BBC1: BLUE PLANET III

Explore the wonders of creation in the endless blue oceans that grace our planet.

MONDAY 9.00pm BBC2: MUMS & BIG PHARMA

An estimated 20,000 babies were born with disabilities in the UK because their mothers were prescribed sodium valproate, without being told of its risks. Two mothers take on the drugs company and the government in search of justice.

THURSDAY 10.00pm C4: AI: PROBABLY NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT

In-depth account of AI looking at its origins and development, with testimonies from Google staff who have now quit because they fear the new technology they helped to create. It also asks, who is really in control of AI?

FRIDAY 7.30pm C4: UNREPORTED WORLD: MEXICO'S LOST BOYS

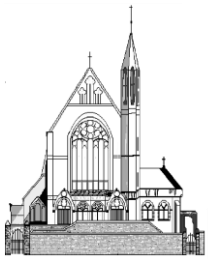
Report on claims that children, as young as 11, are being recruited by drug cartels.

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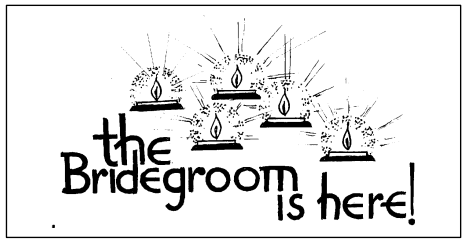
Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart
Tuesday 9.30am St Michael's
Wednesday 12noon Funeral Kevin McManus St Michael's
Thursday 7.00pm St Michael's

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

GOSPEL THOUGHTS Matthew 25: 1-13

Waiting at the bus stop or at the railway station, you need to be patient and ready for the next bus or train. We might check the timetable and trust. We might be offended at having to wait and go and do something different. Some would wait and trust then go on their way while others would not get to their destination.

Matthew lived at a time when Jesus followers expected Jesus to return. As time passed, some trusted and organized the 'church'. Others lost interest and returned to living without Jesus as their inspiration. So, speaking to the disciples, Jesus' close friends, Matthew remembers the story of the wise and foolish who were waiting for the bridegroom. Is Jesus and his teaching our inspiration or have we lost our trust, our hope in this moment of history? Maybe that is why we are still waiting for God to arrive through our decisions, our love and our politics.



May we know we are privileged and must not lose hope but act out Jesus' wisdom through our love and friendships.

REMEMBERED...during Mass

William FitzGerald, William Byatt, Mary Seddon, Kevin McManus, Marie McEvitt, Nicholas Wilde.
Please keep these families in your prayers.

WHITE POPPIES FOR PEACE

Our parish traditionally offers white poppies for sale each November. To remember all victims of war (military and civilian), challenge war and militarism, and commit to peace, please take a white poppy. Any donations will go to the Peace Pledge Union, which works to promote peace education.

FAITH/JUSTICE IN ACTION GROUP MEETING

How might we respond to local and global injustice? Please join us to explore what we might do together on Tuesday, 10th November at 5.00pm in St. Michael's, when we will make plans for prayer and action. All are welcome!

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Are you 18-35? Join the Archdiocesan Young Adult Group, at the Pauline Book Centre (L1 3AY) on Tuesday 10th November when Julia Buckingham, the L'Arche Community Life Coordinator, will talk about its mission for those with intellectual disabilities. Refreshment at 6.30pm, for a 7.00pm start. Contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk for more info.

UNITY MARCH

Saturday 14th November, gather 12pm on Myrtle Street, L7 7DP, then march to St George's Hall where there will be speakers. At a time when the politics of division is growing, join others from across the Liverpool City Region to march in celebration of solidarity, diversity and hope, and witness our choice for hope over fear, love over hate and unity over division.

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!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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

Special Mass - Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th November for the children preparing for First Holy Communion.

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.

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.

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!

SCRIPTURE MORNINGS A LOOK AT THE PARABLES

10.30am – 12 noon on Wednesdays: 11th; 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!