PEACE THOUGHTS

Prisoner advocacy groups report that around ***9,300*** Palestinian prisoners and detainees are currently being held in Israeli prisons, including more than ***3,100*** administrative detainees, about ***1,400*** people classified by Israel as "unlawful combatants," nearly ***90*** women and more than ***350*** children. In addition to torture, starvation, solitary confinement, and enforced disappearance, around ***1,500*** prisoners suffer from illnesses or health problems. More than ***90*** Palestinian prisoners and detainees have died in Israeli prisons and detention centres over the past three years, amid fears that other deaths, especially among Gazan detainees held in military camps, remain undisclosed. Legal recourse for Palestinian prisoners is fraught with so many obstacles and difficulties. Protecting the lives of Palestinian prisoners and detainees is an international responsibility.

Christ's gospel calls us to be a voice for the downtrodden and oppressed!

God of the oppressed, you know the pains and fears of imprisonment, torture, and crucifixion. Be with the thousands of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli prisons; may they, one day, come to freedom and safety. Liberate us from the physical and spiritual chains of dehumanization and violence. Help us increase our witness to speak out and work for reconciliation and the liberation of all. Amen.

Sabeel Wave of Prayer

TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

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

MONDAY 9.00pm BBC2: ESCAPING IDI AMIN
Two-part series hears testimony from those who went through the terror and desperation of Idi Amin's 90-day purge of Uganda as he abruptly ordered 80,000 Asians to leave the country. Parallels with present-day rhetoric are not lost here.

TUESDAY 10.40pm BBC1: DEATH IN THE BARRACKS
Investigates whether the army is doing enough to protect young women after 19-year-old soldier Jaysley Beck, took her own life after reporting a sexual assault.

WEDNESDAY 7.30pm BBC2: THE FUTURE WITH HANNAH FRY
Examines the promises and threats of artificial intelligence. How can super-intelligence machines help humanity, and could they lead us to self-destruction?

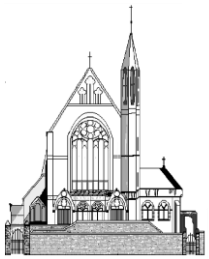
THURSDAY 7.00pm BBC2: BREAST CANCER SCANDAL
Investigates a breast cancer scandal, hearing from women whose mastectomies were unnecessary.

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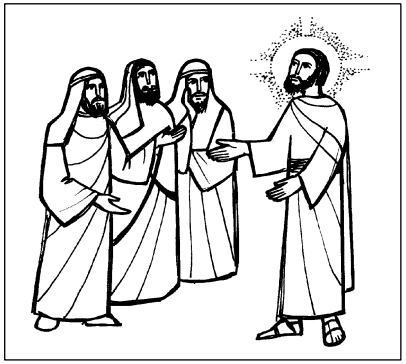
MASS TIMES

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

GOSPEL THOUGHTS Matthew 22: 34-40

There is a song, "God Loves Everyone." Some people, when things go wrong, say, "God has not done anything for me". Their idea of God arises from an immature idea of a child still at home with Mum and Dad. Baptised adults are called to maturity. Christians are to be like Christ as much as possible; in heart, soul and mind; knowing they are loved and with a vocation to love everyone they encounter, as Jesus did.

Jesus is plagued by the learned and entitled and deals with them cleverly - always with an invitation to grow up and be as good as possible. They are invited to be good and law-abiding but loving their uneducated neighbours as well, extending a hand to sinners. We are all also called to be good and loving and reaching out to our neighbour, good and bad.



We are to notice what the person we meet needs and supply whatever will restore them to comfort and dignity.

REMEMBERED...during Mass

William FitzGerald, William Byatt, Mary Seddon,
Kevin McManus, Joan Duffy, Debbie Howard,
Please keep these families in your prayers.

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. 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** ; phone 0151 709 3858, or visit the website: **www.cathchap.org.uk** to find out more. All are welcome.

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Anyone, aged 18-35, is welcome to join the Archdiocesan Young Adult Group, at the Pauline Book Centre (L1 3AY). The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th October when Deacon John Sargent will talk on - 'See the reality; Judge it in the light of the Gospel; Act to transform it: Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching'. Light refreshment served at 6.30pm, prior to the start at 7pm.

FILM SCREENING

The acclaimed film NAZA, by Israeli filmmakers asks how one group of people allow the total dehumanisation of another and examines the systems behind the mass killing of Palestinian civilians for which their country, Israel, is responsible. Showing daily until Thursday, 29th Oct, at FACT Cinema, Wood Street. Go to **www.fact.co.uk/film/naza** for screening times.

MARCH FOR PEACE IN PALESTINE/ISRAEL

Sunday 1st November, assembles 2.00pm at the RC Cathedral and marches through town to hear speakers at Derby Square. 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!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

God for Grown Ups - Sunday 1st of November, 5.00pm at St. Michael's.

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

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!

SMASH PARISH FORUM

Thank you to everyone who attended the SMASH Forum. It was a very positive meeting with lots of discussion and planning for the future of our parish. The next meeting will be in January, You are very welcome to attend.

SCRIPTURE MORNINGS
A LOOK AT THE PARABLES

10.30am – 12 noon on Wednesdays: 4th; 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!