## PEACE THOUGHTS

The saints are our brothers and sisters, calling us to become like them!

**Henri Nouwen**

'The Saints are not supermen or superwomen, nor were they born perfect. They are like us, like each one of us. They are people who, before reaching the glory of heaven, lived normal lives with joys and sorrows, struggles and hopes. What changed their lives? When they recognized God's love, they followed it with all their heart without reserve or hypocrisy. They spent their lives serving others; they endured suffering and adversity without hatred, and responded to evil with good, spreading joy and peace. This is the life of a saint.'

'God calls everyone to holiness and gives all the baptized what they need to become saints, but God does not impose it.'

'God gives everyone the freedom to follow the example of Jesus, to discern and accept God's plan, to treat others the way God would and to place themselves at 'the service of others with an ever more universal charity, open and addressed to all.'

**Pope Francis**

It is precisely in the communion of saints that we find strength for the journey, hope in the face of despair, and sanctity whatever the sins to be transcended.

**Sister Joan Chittister OSB**

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**MONDAY 8.00pm BBC1: IRAN: THE PEOPLE'S STORY**

Filmed inside and outside Iran, this documentary tells the story of a turbulent year in the country through the eyes of some of the people who experienced the widespread street protests, the authorities' brutal crackdown and the war launched by the US and Israel.

**MONDAY 11.00pm C4: THE TALIBAN'S WAR ON WOMEN**

This documentary looks at the reality of women's lives under Taliban rule and follows Afghans in exile as they try to rescue victims desperate to escape.

**TUESDAY 10.00pm BBC4: ALLIES IN EXILE**

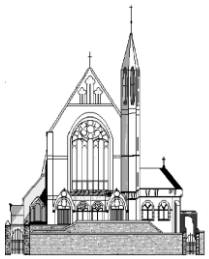
Two Syrian film-makes navigate the reality of the UK asylum system, documenting a new chapter in their own lives shaped by uncertainty, bureaucracy and displacement.

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## MASS TIMES

**Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart**
**Tuesday 9.30am St Michael's**
**Wednesday 12noon Funeral Marie McEvitt St Michael's**
**Thursday 7.00pm St Michael's**
**Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart**
**Sunday 10.30am St Michael's**

## GOSPEL THOUGHTS Matthew 5: 1-12

We all have heroes. Sometimes people are so grateful they expect more of us than we can sustain. Being put on a pedestal is dangerous because we all make mistakes and lose our temper sometimes. We must learn to be grateful and realistic because our wonderful friends must be loved as they are - fallible.

We put saints on a pedestal in our churches. Our adoration must be realistic too, or their humanity gets lost and we separate ourselves from them. That separation from our frail humanity is less than the truth, and therefore wrong. Let us dare to, metaphorically, take the saints down from their pedestals so we can know their truth. We share both our frailty and our goodness with those we call the saints. Our own virtue, beside our worst thoughts and decisions, are part of the same picture.



Now we know the truth; God loves us when we are good, God loves us when we're bad, but God wants us to change.

**"CHRIST DIED FOR US WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS."**

**REMEMBERED...during Mass**

**William FitzGerald, William Byatt, Mary Seddon,**
**Kevin McManus, Marie McEvitt,**
**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.

## 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!

## 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 1st November at 5.00pm at St. Michael's.

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