

## PEACE THOUGHTS

As we watch the terrible images of the wanton destruction of Gaza on our TV screens, consider if there are any ways you could respond?

'Years from now, when your child asks what did you do? Will you tell them, I looked away, I practised self-care, changed the channel, scrolled past the video of the dying child, limbs crushed under the rubble; it was too upsetting, the cause too complicated to understand, or will you tell them, I wrote, I marched, I listened, I heard, I helped, I bore witness, used my power, used my privilege, I learned, I understood why the child was lying, limbs crushed, under the rubble.'

Author unknown

## TV WITH A CONSCIENCE

Check out **ALJAZEERA NEWS** as a companion to the other coverage that is being shared on the Israel/Gaza war. There is much to learn! **ALJAZEERA ENGLISH** is available in the UK on Freeview channel 235, Sky channels 513 and 880, Freesat channel 203, Virgin Media channel 622 or live on Youtube

### SUNDAY 11.00pm C4: HUNTING RUSSIA'S LOST BOYS

Follows the Russian women battling to obtain news of their male relatives who went missing during the invasion of Ukraine.

### MONDAY 11.05pm C4: UKRAINE'S STOLEN CHILDREN

Follows investigators as they try to trace children who have disappeared from orphanages and schools during the Russian occupation.

### MONDAY 10.30pm BBC4: THE FIFTY YEAR WAR

A look back at the acclaimed documentary 'Fifty Years War: Israel and the Arabs' which forensically details the conflict's origins and key moments.

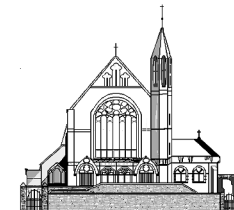
THURSDAY 8.30pm ITV1: BRITAIN ON THE SICK The number of people not working in Britain due to long-term health problems has been rising sharply, but the Government says it is determined to get the nation working in an effort to boost the economy. What is behind the UK's sick note epidemic?

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## THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND SACRED HEART

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## MASS TIMES

Monday 9.00am Sacred Heart

Tuesday 9.30am St Michael

Wednesday 12noon Sacred Heart

Thursday 12.30pm Sacred Heart Funeral Annie Greenwood

Thursday 7.00pm St Michael November Mass

Saturday 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sunday 10.30am St Michael

## GOSPEL THOUGHTS

Matthew 25: 1-13



At home, how often have you been at the front door waiting for the others to be ready? How often have you been the one who kept the others waiting?

Jesus towards the end of his gift of keeping us humans company, warns us to be ready. Living our own life and managing relationships can be so absorbing we forget the gift of Wisdom the Creator has given us in Jesus.

Life without Jesus' gospel could be like never looking up to see Jesus, the perfect model of a human being.

We must look up to see the joy of family, friendships and community. Happiness and comfort are mixed in with the challenges of companionship. Be ready with the light of life for others. We are promised that WISDOM is looking for us: the fullness of life, is looking for us. Look up in order to be ready. Jesus is here.

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

Brenda Clew, Rita Templeman, Annie Greenwood  
Chris Coates, Kathy White,  
and all our family and friends who have gone before us.

**WHITE POPPIES...**

..are about remembering all the victims of war, the civilians and the soldiers of both sides. To buy and wear one (sometimes along side a red one), would be to assist in the development of school resources and adult publications about non-violent ways of dealing with disputes. White poppies will be on sale at today's masses.  
**WAR IS NOT THE ANSWER.**

**NOVEMBER and CATHOLICS**

During this month we remember those who have died in the light of the feast of **ALL SAINTS**. You are welcome to bring lists of those you know who have died. **NO MONEY**.  
Their names will be part of every mass throughout this month.  
"*...when we stand before you,  
Saints among the Saints in the halls of heaven... "*  
(prayer from mass)  
Parish Mass for deceased Thursday 16th Nov 7.00pm St Michael

**BAPTISM**

Preparation for Baptism will consist of visits to Mass, attending two meetings with catechists, then settling on a date that suits the family and the parish priest.  
Baptism in our parish is for families that live in the parish.  
For more information ring **0151 263 6578** and leave a message.

**WITH YOU ALWAYS**

The 1st Communion session for Reconciliation took place on Tuesday, 17th Oct. The children and their parents will make their 1st (Confession) Reconciliation on 21st Nov. and there is a Family Mass 2nd/3rd Dec.

**CATHOLIC PICTORIAL**  
**NOVEMBER**

**COPIES AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH.**  
Check out pages 12 and 20 for local news

**UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES**

1st Comm W.Y.A. programme is under way.  
Liturgy Meeting **Mon 27th November 7.30pm**  
Eucharistic Ministers **Wed 6th Dec 7.30pm**  
**Interested? Come along**  
**and be part of the community.**

**PARISH FORUM**

The Forum commended the involvement of our young people in the liturgy, notably in the prayers and noted that plans to improve the parish meeting room are being actioned.

**JUSTICE/FAITH IN ACTION GROUP**

**PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND**

On Tuesdays, 9.00am - 12.00pm. in St. Michael's Church.  
Please drop into church for a short while to remember all who are suffering because of war in the Middle East And Ukraine and light a candle for peace.

The Faith in Action Group also invites you to join us on **Wednesday, 29th November at 6.30pm in St. Michael's Parish Rooms** to address Christmas cards to Prisoners of Conscience. These will be distributed the following weekend.

**COST OF LIVING CRISIS**

**Pope Francis** published a letter to the world on the feast of St Francis of Assisi, 4th October.  
It is about poverty and inequality in the global family.  
Please find it on the internet and tell another person about it.

**TIME OUT ON TUESDAYS**

An opportunity to spend some quiet time away from the busyness of life  
At The Cenacle , Lance Lane, Liverpool 15 on Saturday 25 November and Tuesday 12th December  
Booking 0151 722 2271

**PASTORAL PLAN - DEANERY NEWS**

The Deanery Synodal Council has been working on the concept of 'Families of Parishes' and will meet with other deaneries at the end of November. You can find out more at meetings across the Archdiocese on: Tuesday, 7th Nov. 7-9pm at St. Anne's Ormskirk.  
8th Nov, 7-9pm, St. Julie's, Eccleston.