



# PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN

## **LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

For the current week's readings and Saints please look at Liturgy Office [www.liturgyoffice.org.uk](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk), *Universalis* (Liverpool/IOM) and *The Liverpool Ordo*. You can find additional Saints' information on [https://www.catholicireland.net/saints\\_category/saints/](https://www.catholicireland.net/saints_category/saints/)

## **REFLECTION**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Most Holy Cross. On this day we marvel that a crude instrument of torture is transformed into the method of redemption for the whole of humanity. The practice of making the Sign of the Cross is an ancient one; reminding us of God's redeeming grace through his Son Jesus Christ.

*"At every step and movement, when we go in or out, when we dress or put on our shoes, at the bath, at the table, when lights are brought, when we go to bed, when we sit down – whatever it is which occupies us, we mark the forehead with the sign of the cross."* *Tertullian*

Tertullian, an early Christian theologian urges all Christians to regularly make the Sign of the Cross. Each time we do this, we renew our profession of faith; express our belief in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and acknowledge the divine work of creation, salvation, and sanctification.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

## **UPDATE FROM THE LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE**

### **• CERTIFICATE IN CATHOLIC PASTORAL LEADERSHIP WITH LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY: Beginning at the end of September 2024**

Are you involved in any ministry in the Church? Are you interested in doing more for the Church? Do you want to expand your skills in pastoral leadership? A new online course in Catholic Pastoral Leadership might be what you are looking for. Liverpool Hope University has partnered with several Catholic dioceses across England and Wales to help people like you to gain fresh perspectives on Scripture and Church teaching. You will look at real-world issues in the light of our tradition and consider the best ways of exploring Christian faith and life with others.

You will take 4 modules over 2 years:

- The Word of God
- The Synodal Church



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- Dimensions of Christian Life
- The Church's Mission in the World

The course can be followed online, and you can do most of the work at a time to suit yourself – with occasional synchronous sessions.

There are two ways you can take this course. All students will review the material presented online and do some assessed work to complete the course (total cost £1900). Or you can take this course as a postgraduate certificate (60 credits) at extra cost and with additional work (total cost £2400).

Funding may be available from Liverpool Archdiocese so that we can bring these acquired skills and knowledge into our ministries and find new ways and opportunities to help others explore and expand on their faith. To find out more about funding from the archdiocese, please email [training@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:training@rcaol.org.uk) or to contact Liverpool Hope University directly: <https://www.hope.ac.uk/postgraduate/postgraduatecourses/catholicpastoralleadershippgcert/>

## • **ADOREMUS LIVERPOOL: Saturday 21 September 2024**

Following the national Adoremus gathering, the Archbishop has decided that we will have a similar event within the archdiocese. This will take place at the **Metropolitan Cathedral** and at the Co-Cathedral of **Saint Mary of the Isle** on **21 September 2024**. The event itself is free and available to all. Come and join us to adore the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

At the **Metropolitan Cathedral**, there will be Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day from 10am until 5pm, Holy Mass, opportunities for confession, a variety of workshops and a shared time of prayer during the day for all.

In advance of the Jubilee year 2025, this Adoremus event will reflect on the themes of Care for Creation, Food Poverty, Modern Slavery, Managing Debt, Forgiveness and Rest as well as our own personal concerns and prayers. The workshops provide an opportunity for developing our own spirituality, and to discern what the Jubilee year might mean for us in our own lives. A timetable can be found below.

<b>9am – Holy Mass and Exposition</b>	13.15 – Workshop 4
<b>10am – Adoration begins</b>	<b>14.00 – Holy Hour, Eucharistic Procession and Benediction</b>
10.15 – Workshop 1	15.15 – Workshop 5
11.15 – Workshop 2	<b>17.00 – Mass and Children's Liturgy</b>
12.15 – Workshop 3	

Booking for the event is not required. Tea and coffee will be available in the Gibberd Room for those attending the event. You would be more than welcome to bring your own food, as food will not be available. Information will be provided about workshops over coming weeks.

For more details about the Jubilee, please visit:

<https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/departement/pastoral-development/jubilee>



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## • READERS TRAINING FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE LITURGY COMMISSION

Prayer, reflection, and practical reader training will be offered at the following:

- St Julie's, Eccleston, WA10 6SE – Saturday 28 September (10.00-13.00)
- Christ the King Parish Club, Childwall, L16 6AW – Saturday 5 October (10.00-13.00)
- Irenaeus, Waterloo, L22 1RD – Saturday 19 October (10.00-13.00)
- St Mary's Community Centre, Leyland, PR25 1PD – Saturday 2 November (10.00-13.00)

Lunch will take place after the sessions and attendees are advised to bring their own packed lunch. For more information and to book your place please email

[pa.stmaryleyland@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:pa.stmaryleyland@rcaol.org.uk)

## • MUSIC AT THE MET 2024

During 2024 the Metropolitan Cathedral are celebrating the return of their restored grand organ with a series of concerts and events that will demonstrate the versatility of the instrument.

- **24-hour Musicathon**, Friday 27 – Saturday 28 September
- **BBC Radio 3 Choral Evening Prayer**, Wednesday 9 October, 15.00
- **Cologne Cathedral Choir**, Sunday 13 October, 11.00
- **Bruckner and Saint-Saëns**, Saturday 19 October, 19.00
- **Advent Sequence**, Sunday 1 December, 17.00
- **Bach and Handel**, Sunday 8 December, 15.00
- **A Celebration of Christmas**, Saturday 14 December, 19.00

For more information, please call 01517087283 or email [music@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:music@metcathedral.org.uk)

## • INTERFAITH REFLECTIONS ON TRAGIC EVENTS IN SOUTHPORT

*Sefton Faiths Forum – Wednesday 2nd of October, 10am -11am by zoom*

Bridging the Gap – interfaith relationships following the events in Southport.' Dr Selwyn Goldthorpe, Chairman of Southport and District Reformed Synagogue and Imam Ibrahim Hussein, Southport Mosque. You can book on to the meeting using the link here -

<https://www.directory.seftoncvcs.org.uk/civicrm/event/info?id=436&reset=1>

## RESOURCES & EVENTS

### • 'POWER FROM ON HIGH' REFLECTIONS ON THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

The Irenaeus Centre will host several reflections on the Acts of the Apostles every Thursday throughout September from 10.30-12.00. For more information including zoom links, please email [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or call 0151 949 1199.



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## • EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAY

The Irenaeus project will lead a Eucharistic ministry training day on Saturday 5 October 2024. Parishes are invited to book places by emailing [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or Tel: 0151 949 1199.

## • MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The Irenaeus Centre is hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Wednesday 25 September 10.00-11.45am. For more information, please email [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or Tel: 0151 949 1199.

## VACANCIES AT THE ARCHDIOCESE

We are currently advertising several vacancies. If you're interested in working for the archdiocese, you can find an up-to-date list of vacancies available here:

[www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers)

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