



PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

For the current week's readings and Saints please look at Liturgy Office 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/

REFLECTION

An excerpt from Pope Francis' Easter Message, 'Urbi et Orbi': Easter 2024:

The Church relives the amazement of the women who went to the tomb at dawn on the first day of the week. The tomb of Jesus had been sealed with a great stone. Today too, great stones, heavy stones, block the hopes of humanity: the stone of war, the stone of humanitarian crises, the stone of human rights violations, the stone of human trafficking, and other stones as well. Like the women disciples of Jesus, we ask one another: "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" (cf. *Mk* 16:3).

This is the amazing discovery of that Easter morning: the stone, the immense stone, was rolled away. The astonishment of the women is our astonishment as well: the tomb of Jesus is open and it is empty! From this, everything begins anew! A new path leads through that empty tomb: the path that none of us, but God alone, could open: the path of life in the midst of death, the path of peace in the midst of war, the path of reconciliation in the midst of hatred, the path of fraternity in the midst of hostility.

Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen!"

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/urbi/documents/20240331-urbi-et-orbi-pasqua.html>

UPDATE FROM THE LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE

• **AN INTRODUCTION TO VATICAN II**

An in-person study retreat day exploring Vatican II is being offered in collaboration with the Light of Truth Dominican Sisters who will introduce us to the Second Vatican Council, the outcomes of Vatican II and its impact on the world today. This would be perfect for anyone who is looking to explore this important event for the first time, as well as for anyone who is looking to reflect on and revisit the year of the Council. This event is being offered for free. If you have any questions,



please contact e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk To book your place, please register here:
<https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/jaujdgx>

- **RCIA THE MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS**

We are celebrating the Mass for New Catholics on **Thursday 20 June at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral at 7pm and will be celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm**. Anyone who has been received into the church, both this year and previous years are welcome to attend with their families, friends and Catechists.

- **HOLY COMMUNION BADGE COMPETITION**

A big thank you to everyone who entered our Holy Communion Badge Competition. We had so many wonderful designs, we couldn't have been more pleased with the entries we received. Please watch this space for the announcement of the winner in the next bulletin.

- **FACILITATION TRAINING**

We are now offering training for people in our parishes who lead groups. Whether they are for praying, liturgy, or volunteering this 2-hour workshop will provide an opportunity to come together to discuss the format of your group and share new ideas to support the facilitation of your group moving forward. If you are interested in arranging a workshop for your parish or deanery, please contact e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk

- **CARDS TO THE HOLY LAND**

The current list of names and addresses of parishes in the Holy Land and essential information is available for those parishes or groups in the Archdiocese wanting to send greetings cards this Easter. Available here <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ministries/commissions/justice-peace>

- **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.

- **Eastertide Carol Service**, Sunday 21 April, 3pm
- **Choral Evening Prayer with the Rededication of the Grand Organ followed by the Opening Organ Recital by Martin Baker**, Sunday 12 May, 3pm
- **Two Cathedrals' Messiah**, Saturday 18 May, 19.30
- **Organ Recital by Katherine Dienes-Williams**, Monday 27 May, 11.15



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For more information, please call 01517087283 or email music@metcathedral.org.uk

- **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

RESOURCES AND EVENTS

- **COME AND SEE, THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS - Led by Barry and Margaret Mizen, Saturday 6 April 2024**

For more information, please contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 01519491199.

- **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAY, 27 April 2024**

Parishes are invited to booked places by emailing jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 01519491199.

- **COME AND SEE, THE POWER OF THE SACRAMENTS - Led by Fr. Pat Collins, Saturday 4 May 2024**

For more information, please contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 01519491199.

- **POUR OUT YOUR GRACE AS AT A NEW PENTECOST, with guest speaker Michelle Moran, Saturday 11 May 2024, 10am-4pm**

Event hosted at the Irenaeus Centre. For more information, please contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 01519491199.

- **WOMENS WEEKEND AT IRENAEUS: MARY IN A WORLD OF MARTHA? 14-16 June 2024**

Limited residential spaces available. For more information, please contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 01519491199.



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Youth Ministry: Animate <https://www.animateyouth.org/>

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