

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



34TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2025

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

For the current week's readings and Saints please look at *The Liverpool Ordo*, Liturgy Office www.liturgyoffice.org.uk and *Universalis* (Liverpool/IOM).

GOOD NEWS

• CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION WITH YOUNG ADULTS

On 17th November, 10 enthusiastic young adults gathered at the convent of Missionaries of Charity on Seel Street for a Catholic social action event. We had prepared and delivered sandwiches and hot drinks around the city centre in the evening. Big thanks to all who have given their time and energy to support people sleeping rough around Liverpool City Centre. To learn more about the Archdiocesan Young Adult group, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

SACRAMENT - CATECHESIS - FORMATION

• WHAT CAN I BRING HIM? ADVENT EVENINGS

The Irenaeus Centre are hosting several Advent evenings on Wednesday 26 November and Wednesday 10 December from 19:00-20:30. For more information and zoom links please contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

• AFTERNOON TEA WITH FRANK SINATRA (DAVE ASHLEY) AND FRIENDS

The Irenaeus Centre is hosting a 'Songs We Remember (dementia-friendly) Christmas Celebration on Wednesday 10 December, 14:00-16:00. For more information, please contact the Irenaeus Centre.

• MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Are you planning to get married in a Catholic church? Are you looking for some time out from the busy wedding planning, providing you and your partner with an opportunity to focus on your relationship and to learn more about each other?

The Liverpool Archdiocese is now offering a marriage preparation course for engaged couples. The course will involve four sessions, meeting in group with other couples. To be led by trained lay facilitators, the course will help the couples develop skills which could facilitate good communication within their relationship and an understanding of unconditional love set within a Catholic faith. The next course will be available in **April 2026**:



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Date: 30 April, 7 May, 14 May, 21 May (all Thursdays)
Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm
Venue: St Agnes & St Aidan Church, Huyton, Liverpool, L36 5SQ



There is a fee of £50 per couple to help towards materials and other expenses. Please book online here at <https://forms.office.com/e/hgy2JbUpY3?origin=lprLink>
For enquiries, please contact Moses Mui, Training Coordinator at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

• THE CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst is offering a weekend marriage preparation course in January 2026. This course is aimed at couples who are engaged in and practicing their faith, and who wish for a deeper, theological and spiritual reflection on the Sacrament of Matrimony. Structured around foundational, Scriptural texts, the weekend is inspired by St John Paul II's *Catechesis on Human Love*, within a framework of prayer, discussion, input and exercises. More info and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation> For enquiry please contact Stefan Kaminski, Director of the Centre (T: 01254 827 329, E: director@christianheritagecentre.com)

• MARRIAGE PREPARATION CATECHISTS NEEDED

Would you like to help engaged couples to prepare for marriage? The archdiocese is now recruiting catechists to join the marriage preparation team. The catechist training will be provided at St Monica's Church, Bootle, Liverpool, L20 9GA and consists of 5 sessions:

- **Monday 23 February 2026 (6.30pm – 8pm)**
- **Monday 2 March 2026 (6.30pm – 8pm)**
- **Monday 9 March 2026 (6.30pm – 8pm)**
- **Monday 16 March 2026 (6.30pm – 8pm)**
- **Saturday 28 March 2026 (10am – 2pm)**

Upon completion of training, the catechists will be asked to offer marriage preparation course for couples twice a year. If this is something you are interested in, please sign up here <https://forms.office.com/e/JGbP8AtZwn?origin=lprLink>
For more information, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk.

• RE-IMAGINING PASTORAL COUNCILS' WEBINAR SERIES

In our crazy changing world, it's more important than ever that our parishes can respond to people's needs and share the Gospel in our local communities. Pastoral Councils, rooted in prayer and driven by mission, can be places of discernment and real creativity – but sometimes they're not quite right. Join us for a series of webinars to explore everything to do with pastoral councils from purpose to membership, and from resolving conflict to letting the Spirit lead.

Would you like to explore a new approach for your Parish Council?

Would you like to set up a Parish Council for the first time?

Would you like support in ensuring your current Parish Council is fruitful, spiritual, and life-giving?



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This is a joint project between the RC Archdiocese of Liverpool and the Dioceses of Hexham & Newcastle and Northampton.

Webinars are Tuesday evenings from 19:00-20:00 (UK time).

Registration is free. The registration link is <https://buytickets.at/northamptondiocese/1861328>
A one-time registration for all webinars. A link will be sent on the day to each person.

- **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAYS**

The Irenaeus Centre will be leading a Eucharistic ministry training day on 14 March 2026. For more information and Zoom links, parishes are invited to book by emailing jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

- **RE-IMAGINING BAPTISM**

Reimagining Baptism is a national conversation exploring how baptism shapes our faith and parish life. Join us to renew a baptismal mindset and share the light of hope in today's world. Featuring a keynote by Abbot Hugh Allan O. Praem and workshops led by experienced clergy and catechists, the event takes place on **Friday 28 November 2025 (Clergy) and Saturday 29 November 2025 (All) at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Stockport**. Book your place today by emailing Natalie.Orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. **Cost: £50 including cooked lunch (28 Nov), £10 bring your own lunch (29 Nov).** *"Baptism is the beginning of hope... the meaning of life"* – Pope Francis.

- **LIGHT OF TRUTH: ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS, from Saturday 6 December (ONLINE)**

Join the Dominican Sisters on **Saturdays, from 9:00 to 12:00 noon** for a short course of 3 sessions, to discover the essential nature and principles of catechesis, the sources of catechesis, and the best ways to prepare and deliver our catechesis. This course is open to everyone involved or interested in any kind of catechesis for adults, young people or children. This course is free, and the Dominican Sisters gratefully accept any donation you may be able to contribute.

<https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/essential-training-for-catechists-2025-12-06-09-00>

- **SUPPORT FOR DIVORCED AND SEPARATED**

The Restored Lives course is run over six weeks, one evening per week. The talks cover the key issues to help you to move on and highlight the practical steps and tools to enable you to tackle the issues that arise from separation and divorce. For more information contact Maureen 07967 753471 or Jacqui Sellek 07938 25815.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION

- **TOWARDS THE COMMON GOOD: DINNER & DIALOGUE WITH JENNY SINCLAIR**

Together Liverpool warmly invites us to St Cleopas Church for a series of three evening gatherings of shared meals and meaningful conversation led by Jenny Sinclair, founder and



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Director of Together for the Common Good. These sessions will explore the connections between faith, work, and civic life.

Jenny will lead us through the following themes:

- A Story of Communion – **Thursday 27 November (St Cleopas Church)**
Imagine a local economy rooted in friendship, shared flourishing, and collective wellbeing.

<https://togetherliverpool.org.uk/whats-new/towards-the-common-good-three-evenings>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/towards-the-common-good-three-evenings-with-jenny-sinclair-tickets-1602296745699>

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

• **WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY 2025 A JUBILEE CELEBRATION!**

Sunday 23 November is World Youth Sunday. An international initiative celebrating the place of young people in the life and mission of the Church. Marking the Jubilee Year, this year's celebration will be more meaningful than ever – uniting young Catholics in faith and hope. Follow the link below to have a look at the resources and see how you can get involved:

[Jubilee World Youth Sunday 2025 – CYMFED](#)

• **ARCHDIOCESAN ADVENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

With the facilitation of Sr Lynne Baron, FCJ, we will organise the Advent Retreat Day for Young Adults on **Saturday 29 November 2025 at St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby, L37 1PH**. The Retreat Day will **start at 10:00** and aim to **finish at 16:00**. This Retreat Day is free of charge, but please bring your packed lunch. If you're aged 18-35 and interested to join, please sign up here <https://forms.office.com/e/bcjQ3p5Db0?origin=IprLink>. For further information please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk



• **PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING YOUNG ADULTS PRAYER GROUP**

Join our monthly gathering for prayer, friendship, and faith at **St Michael and All Angels Church, Kirkby L32**. All Portuguese-speaking young adults are welcome! For more information please contact: 07752 773037 Tiago and 07857 178601 Karine.

• **LECTIO FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

Every Friday at 18:00 at St Vincent de Paul's Church, L1 5JN, there is a "lectio" prayer group for young adults. There will be a **Mass at 18:00**, followed by a short time of sharing the **Sunday readings at 18:30**. It's a friendly group and sometimes they also organise trips and retreats. Follow this link to join my WhatsApp community:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/H7vBavJ4Jlm2spPNI9d2DT> If you want more information please contact James: djmoroney@cantab.net or 07546667394

- [Register here](#)
- [Event details](#)
- [Young people in the ecumenical movement](#)



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IMPORTANT ARCHDIOCESAN DATES – SAVE THE DATE!

23 Feb, 2 Mar, 9 Mar, 16 Mar, 28 Mar

Marriage Preparation Catechist Training

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