



ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 25th MAY 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

• FIRST ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE WALK

On Saturday pilgrims gathered at St Anne and Blessed Dominic Church in St Helens to embark on a 5-mile walk. They were blessed with beautiful weather. At the end of the walk, they were joined in the grounds of the church and were led in procession by Fr John Paul Illunga. Holy Mass was then celebrated at midday. After Mass parishioners showed people around the shrine before coming together in the Parish Centre for refreshment! Thank you to all involved, especially the musicians who played at Mass. We look forward to our next Pilgrimage Walk in August at St Oswald and St Edmund Arrowsmith in Ashton. For more information, please contact c.higgins@rcaol.org.uk.

NEW UPDATES THIS WEEK

• MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Are you planning to marry 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. Two identical courses will be available in June/July and September/October with following details:

	Course A	Course B
Date:	16 June, 23 June, 30 June, 7 July (all Mondays)	29 September, 6 October, 13 October, 20 October (all Mondays)
Time:	6.30pm – 8.30pm	6.30pm – 8.30pm
Venue:	Christ the King Church, Queens Drive, Childwall, Liverpool L15 6YQ	St Helen's Church, Alexandra Road, Crosby, Liverpool L23 7TQ



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There is a fee of £50 per couple to help towards materials and other expenses. Please book online here at [Marriage Preparation Course Link](#) For enquiries, please contact Moses Mui, Training Coordinator at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk



- **LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME – Saturday 31 May 2025, Parish of St Mary Magdalen & St Teresa**

A half-day session for those involved in supporting Children's Church/Liturgy in their parishes. Led by Margaret Wright, former headteacher and currently RE advisor for the Diocese of Lancaster and catechist in one of our churches. An opportunity to share good practice already taking place and explore alternative ways of 'Unlocking the Word' with children, for example, through a 'Godly Play' style approach, imaginative prayer and praying with pictures.

10:00 (for a 10:30 start) till 12:30 at St Teresa's Church, Queensway, Penwortham PR1 0DS R.S.V.P. to penwortham@rcaol.org.uk by Wednesday 28 May.

SACRAMENT – CATECHESIS - FORMATION

- **GENERAL CATECHIST COURSE**

Are you an existing catechist looking to refresh your knowledge? The Archdiocese will organise the training module called 'Missionary Catechesis' in June. The module will help participants identify key principles to develop a culture of ongoing catechesis, formation and discipleship. Topics including family focused catechesis, catechesis for those with special & additional needs, leading a team of catechists, and ongoing formation will be covered. The module will be held on **4 June, 11 June, 18 June and 25 June, 19.00 – 20.30 at St Mary's church, Broadfield Walk, Leyland PR25 1PD**. If you're interested, sign up here [General Catechist Course Link](#) For more information, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk



- **FAMILY PICNIC – Saturday 28 June 2025**

All families are welcome to attend this Family Picnic as part of the confirmation preparation process on Saturday 28 June (**11am-3pm**) at **St Anne Church**, Prescott Rd, Ormskirk, L39 4TG. We especially wish to invite those families with children who are being baptised, making their holy communions or confirmations. Families are encouraged to bring their own food. There will be games for younger children, children's liturgy for older children and Animate Youth activities for teenagers. If you are interested, please sign up using the QR code and for more information please contact Ian at i.parrott@rcaol.org.uk



JUBILEE

- **VISIT OF FATIMA STATUE AND RELICS – Monday 2 June 2025**

The Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King will host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco on Monday 2 June 2025 in commemoration of the Centenary of the Five First Saturday's devotion. The day will include a procession and



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enthronement of the Fatima statue at 10:00, followed by Mass and opportunities to venerate the saints' relics. Participants will pray the Rosary for world peace. At 13:00, there will be informative talks and videos about Fatima's messages. A book table with devotional materials will be available, and attendees can enroll in the Brown Scapular devotion. The event concludes with a Holy Hour and Benediction at 16:00. For further details about Fatima, visit: worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk. For enquiries, please contact m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

- **'PILGRIMS OF HOPE' PENTECOST WALK – Sunday 8 June 2025**

This year's walk will start at the Anglican Cathedral and move to the Metropolitan Cathedral along Hope Street. The theme this year is our Jubilee theme: 'Pilgrims of Hope'. There are lots of exciting things planned for the day – save the date. Parishes and groups are invited to come along with banners which can be carried in the procession.

- **THE NATIONAL JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE, Saturday 13 – Sunday 14 September 2025**

The Pilgrimage of Hope is a national walking pilgrimage with four main Ways converging at the **Cathedral of St Barnabas, Nottingham**, on **Saturday 13 September 2025**, for shared prayer and celebration. The Pilgrimage will culminate with Solemn Mass for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross at **11:15 14 September 2025** at St Barnabas' Cathedral. The Pilgrimage will embody the values of the Sisters of the Holy Cross of compassion, faith, prayer and community.

- [Pilgrimage Walk | The Pilgrimage of Hope](#) – registration opens **April 2025**

RETREATS/SPIRITUALITY

- **IRENAEUS: JOURNEY INTO SILENCE: An introduction to Christian meditation, Saturday 14 June**

Led by Revd Mark Waters, this introductory day aims to help participants overcome the practical struggles that many of us face when we try to pray in silence and enable them to establish a regular pattern of silent prayer using the practice of Centring Prayer. Hosted at **The Irenaeus Centre, Great Georges Rd, L22 1RD** from **10.00–15.00**. Booking essential contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk. For further information contact: marko.waters@gmail.com. Suggested donation of £10. Please bring a packed lunch.

- **FURTHER DATES AND EVENTS FROM IRENAEUS:**

Songs We Remember	14:00-16:00, 14 & 28 May
Agape Mass	19:00, 5 June & 3 July
Come and See Days at Irenaeus	10:30-16:00, 7 June & 5 July
Journey into Silence – Introduction to meditation	10:00 to 15:00, 14 June
Summer Celebration & BBQ	17:00, 21 June

For more information contact Jenny at jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or 0151 9491199
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YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS:

- **ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP**



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The Archdiocesan Young Adult Group meet fortnightly at **Pauline Book Centre (84 Church Street, Liverpool L1 3AY)**. As usual, we will start at **18.30** with food and refreshment provided, then followed by prayer at **19.00**. This year we will explore different types of prayer. The upcoming meeting will be on **10 June**, and the theme will be 'Praying with Music'. Anyone aged 18-35 would be most welcome. For enquiries, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

• FCJ YOUNG ADULT NETWORK – UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Friday 23 – Sunday 25 May:** FCJ Vocations Weekend <https://bit.ly/FCJVocationWeekend>
- **Sunday 8 – Sunday 15 June** Volunteering Catholic Social Action – Liverpool fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com
- **Monday 23 – Sunday 29 June:** Urban Gardening & Ecology – London info@fcjhouse-somerstown.co.uk

More information from [Young Adults - Faithful Companions of Jesus](#)

IMPORTANT ARCHDIOCESAN DATES – SAVE THE DATE!

Monday 2 June	Visit of Fatima Statue and Relics at the Cathedral
Sunday 8 June	'Pilgrims of Hope' Pentecost Walk - Cathedrals
Sunday 22 June	The Mass for New Catholics
Sunday 24 August	Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Walk and Mass – St Oswald & St Edmund Arrowsmith, Ashton
Saturday 20 September	Care for Creation Walk and Mass – St Mary's, Aughton
Saturday 27 September	Retreat Day for Catechists

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