



PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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). You can find additional Saints' information on https://www.catholicireland.net/saints_category/saints/

UPDATE FROM THE LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE

• GENERAL CATECHIST COURSE 2025

Beginning on **12 March until 2 July**, a series of catechist training course will be provided by the Archdiocese. The course will cover **3 modules over 14 weeks**, and it is for those who are considering being catechists or are existing catechists looking to refresh their knowledge.

The first module, on Encountering Catechesis will explore key principles of Catechesis to build confidence. The second module, on Discipleship Catechesis will explore key elements of the Catholic Faith and how they can be explored through Catechesis. The third module will help identify key principles to develop a culture of ongoing catechesis, formation and discipleship.

First module: Encountering Catechesis	Second module: Discipleship Catechesis	Third module: Missionary Catechesis
12 March	9 April	4 June
19 March	23 April	11 June
26 March	30 April	18 June
2 April	7 May	25 June
	14 May	
	21 May	

Venue: St Mary's church, Broadfield Walk, Leyland (PR25 1PD)

Time: 19.00 – 20.30

If you are interested, please sign up here <https://forms.office.com/e/efjAZbjUrZ?origin=lprLink>

For more information, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

• CONFIRMATION 2025 (ANIMATE)

If your child is in Year 8 and would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation, please register at liverpoolcalled.co.uk. Registration is open from **Monday 13 January** to **Monday 17 March 2025**.

Join the Animate team and special guests live for the **Sacrament of Confirmation Online Preparation Sessions** on **1 May** and **15 May** from **16.30-18.00** on the Animate Youth YouTube channel. No log in required. This session will offer a reminder of some of the work done in schools on Gifts of the Spirit, Saints, Rite of Confirmation. You will also hear how Confirmation has affected different people in the Archdiocese. **This is to run alongside your Local Parish/Deanery preparation.**

Animate will also be offering a special session on **Monday 31 March (16.30-18.00)** for those who attend non-Catholic schools or schools outside the Archdiocese on YouTube. Please register as normal



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at liverpoolcalled.co.uk; you will be contacted after **Monday 17 March** with login details. Please save the date!

- **PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION – CLERGY, CATECHISTS, TEACHERS, CHAPLAINS etc.**

If you are helping our teenagers prepare for Confirmation this year and would like to have a discussion about some resources and the Archdiocesan process, please come to one of the following information evenings:

- 10 March – Our Lady of the Assumption, Hedgefield Road, L25 2RW at 6.30pm to 8.30pm
- 13 March – St Joseph’s Church, Harpers Lane, Chorley, PR6 0HR at 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Please note: this is **not** an evening for our teenagers or their families – this is for people in our schools and parishes who help to facilitate the formation process.

- **RCIA – RITE OF ELECTION 2025**

The Rite of Election is taking place on Sunday 9 March at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral at 15.00. This event is for people who are to be received into the Catholic Church this Easter and are to be elected and called forward. For those attending with their families, please arrive at the Cathedral no later than **14.45** as you will need to register your attendance to sign the book of the elect. Seats are available on a first come, first served basis. The Application for Admission form is attached to this email. The deadline for sending registration forms is **Friday 7 February**. Please send them to **Aaron Kiely** at the Liverpool Archdiocese, Croxteth Drive, L17 1AA and put **“The Rite of Election”** on the envelope for an ease of processing. If you wish to submit an admission form electronically, please type in the email subject **“RCIA Admission 2025”**, attach the form, and send to Aaron Kiely:

a.kiely@rcaol.org.uk

- **PREPARING FOR THE RITE OF ELECTION EVENING**

If you are a Catechumen or a Candidate and are attending the Rite of Election, this year, please join us for an evening of preparation for this wonderful event. We will talk through the liturgy, and the logistics of the day itself. It will take place in the **Metropolitan Cathedral at 7pm until 8pm**. If you are a Catechist, Sponsor or God Parent for someone going through the RCIA process, you are also very welcome.

- **ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

The Archdiocesan Young Adult Group will meet again on **Tuesday 25 February**. The meetings are held fortnightly at **Pauline Book Centre (84 Church Street, Liverpool L1 3AY)**. As usual, we will start at **18.30** where pizza and refreshment will be provided. Anyone aged 18-35 would be most welcome. This year we are exploring different types of prayer. The theme of next meeting will be ‘Praying with Ven Elizabeth Prout’ and on **Tuesday 11 March**, we will be celebrating our **Young Adult Mass** at the **Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool**. For enquiries, please contact m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

- **ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL ROMERO MASS**

This year’s Mass for St Oscar Romero will be celebrated at **St Edmund of Canterbury** (62 Oxford Rd, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 8QF) on **Thursday 20 March at 19.00**. For more information, please contact the parish office on 01519282338 or email stoscarrromero@rcaol.org.uk. Please note, office hours are:

Monday & Tuesday – 9.00 to 15.00

Wednesday – 11.00 to 14.30

Saturday – 11.00 to 13.30



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- **FAMILY PICNIC EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM:** <https://forms.office.com/e/jBYLYUyBtt>
- **RETREAT DAY FOR RCIA CATECHUMENS, CANDIDATES AND CATECHISTS BOOKING FORM:** <https://forms.office.com/e/72sZGdurw3>
- **CONFIRMATION MEETING BOOKING FORM - OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION:** <https://forms.office.com/e/BMLZDyh7UV>
- **CONFIRMATION MEETING BOOKING FORM - ST JOSEPH:** <https://forms.office.com/e/8t7ZIEECmh>

RESOURCES & EVENTS

- **WORD ON FIRE: EVANGELISATION CULTURE CONFERENCE: THE BIBLE, 21-22 February 2025**
This conference is for those who are seeking to gain a deeper appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures and the beauty of the Catholic faith while growing in your evangelisation efforts. It will be at Excel London, right in the heart of London's historic Royal Docks. Please follow this link for more details and to book your place: [Evangelisation & Culture: The Bible](#)
- **DIVORCE MONTH: MARRIAGE HELP PROGRAM, February 2025**
January is the highest month for divorce proceedings as many couples want help but don't know where to turn when they have difficulties. Book now on February MARRIAGE HELP program. www.retrouville.org.uk +44 7887 296 983 James and Sharon Westby, Coordinators Retrouville England and Wales
- **JOURNEY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS: SILENT RETREAT, 7-9 March 2025**
Led by Sr Moria Meeghan at the Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD. Residential places are available. £95 Residential, Non-Residential with meals £70 and Non-Residential (self-catering) £30. To book and for more information contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk Tel: 0151 9491199

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