



PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday 2nd March

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/

FUTURE DATES

7 th to 9 th March	Journey Through the Wilderness Retreat
9 th March	Rite of Election 2025
10 th March and 13 th March	Preparing for Confirmation – For organisers
12 th March to 2 nd July	Catechist Course 2025
20 th March	Archdiocese of Liverpool Romero Mass
25 th March	Young Adult Group meeting
31 st March	Animate Confirmation – Non-Catholic Schools
12 th April	Retreat day for Catechumens
1 st May and 15 th May	Animate Confirmation – Catholic Schools
17 th May	Pilgrimage Walk
8 th June	Pentecost Walk
24 th August	Pilgrimage Walk
20 th September	Pilgrimage Walk

NEW UPDATES THIS WEEK

• PSALM SETTINGS

Several composers have come together to create **Music for Liturgy**, an online shop offering psalm settings for the new Lectionary in a variety of styles. Here you will find music from John Ainslie, Nick Baty, Teresa Brown, Philip Jakob, Alan Johnson, Chris Olding and Alan Smith.

This is not a new publisher but a group of small imprints who have come together to make settings of the psalms available for instant download. The site is live and more settings are being added each week.

This is an ideal resource to sample different styles of psalm settings by a range of composers.

More information can be found at MusicforLiturgy.online. Each psalm setting is priced individually.

ONGOING INFORMATION

• 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.



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- **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 refer to the attached poster or 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 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.

- **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/8t7ZJEEcmh>



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- **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 stoscarromero@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

- **ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

The Archdiocesan Young Adult Group meets 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 next meeting will be on **25 March** and the theme will be 'Praying through Art'. For enquiries, please contact m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

- **RETREAT DAY FOR RCIA CATECHUMENS, CANDIDATES AND CATECHISTS BOOKING FORM:**

<https://forms.office.com/e/72sZGdurw3>

RESOURCES & EVENTS

- **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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