



ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



PENTECOST, SUNDAY 8 JUNE 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

- **VISIT OF FATIMA STATUE AND RELICS**

We had a good time with the visit of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco on Monday 2 June. Over 280 people gathered at the Metropolitan Cathedral to pray with Our Lady. The day began with the procession and a Mass celebrated by Archbishop John, followed by rosary prayer (for world peace), and veneration of the saints' relics. We have deepened our understanding of Fatima's messages through the informative talks and film. The event concluded with a Holy Hour and Benediction.

- **A BRIEF INTRODUCTION FROM LUCY RAUER, CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION COORDINATOR**
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I'm thrilled to be joining the Pastoral Development Team as your new Catholic Social Action Coordinator. With the election of a new Pope and the installation of our new Bishop, I feel very blessed to be joining the archdiocese at such an exciting time. As Volunteers' Week approaches, it seems fitting for me to mention that thanks to the hard work of our archdiocese's many volunteers and benefactors, good progress has been made in recent times as we move towards a model of a Church which truly walks with people through all stages of life. As I start in this new role, I look forward to learning from our committed volunteers, and I am very hopeful that we can discover together how we might continue to best serve the needs of our parishes and local communities.

NEW UPDATES THIS WEEK

- **DAY FOR CATECHISTS – FORMATION & REFLECTION**

Are you a catechist looking for spiritual refreshment? No matter what kind of ministry you are serving, there is a good opportunity for you to refresh your vocation of being a catechist. On **27 September**, the Day for Catechists will be organised from **10.00 – 16.00** at **Carmelite Monastery L18 3NU**. With the facilitation of Sr Carino and Sr Hyacinthe from the Dominican Sister of St Joseph, there will be spiritual input and practical discussion on the mission of catechesis. If you're interested, sign up here [Day for Catechists Link](#) For more information, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk



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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 **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 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. Mass will be celebrated at **12pm**. Families are encouraged to bring their own food. There will be games for younger children, children's liturgy, Animate Youth activities for teenagers and reflection time for adults. If you are interested, please sign up here [Family Picnic Link](#) or using the QR code and for more information please contact Ian at i.parrott@rcaol.org.uk



• 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



- **FAITH IN THE FAMILY**

On **Saturday 5 July** and in support of our Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan – Becoming a Church that accompanies people through life – the Deanery Synodal Council for Sefton Coast North warmly invites you to **Holy Family Church Hall (1 Brompton Road, Southport, PR8 6AS)** from **10:00-13:00** for the following event which aims to explore ways to resource parishes to accompany parents as they bring up their children and hand on the faith to them. Facilitated by Archie Cameron & John Sullivan. For further enquiries and to sign up, please contact Chris at c.higgins@rcaol.org.uk

JUBILEE

- **'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: COME AND SEE DAY: 'The Wonder of the Sacraments', Saturday 7 June, 10:00-16:00**

Speaker Hugh Preston is a Salesian priest who has taught at Ushaw and worked around the globe will be visiting the Irenaeus Centre (32 Great Georges Road, L22 1RD) to talk about 'The Wonder of the Sacraments'. Suggested donation of £10, please bring a packed lunch. For further details please contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 0151 949 1199.

- **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



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

Agape Mass	19:00, 3 July
Come and See Days at Irenaeus	10:30-16:00, 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:

- **MILLION MINUTES RELAUNCHES CELEBRATING YOUNG PEOPLE: REVIVAL PROGRAMME FOR 2025/26**

Million Minutes has relaunched their fully resourced **Celebrating Young People: Revival** programme for the 2025/26 academic year. The Million Minutes team warmly invites parishes (and others) looking for new ways to engage and support young people and their accompaniers to a special online event on **Monday 10 June** which aims to elaborate further about this inspiring, **FREE, Catholic Social Teaching-based programme**. The online event will take place with two convenient time slots (**2pm or 7pm**) and the relaunched programme will include parish visits with engaging sessions and workshops designed to empower young leaders in faith and action.

Please share this opportunity with anyone who may also benefit from attending. For more information and to **register** to secure your place, please follow the link:
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/millionminutes/1679670>

- **ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

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**

- **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](#)



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IMPORTANT ARCHDIOCESAN DATES – SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday 8 June	'Pilgrims of Hope' Two Cathedrals' Pentecost Walk
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	Day for Catechists – Formation and Reflection

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