

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY 31 MAY 2026

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

- **PENTECOST TWO CATHEDRALS MARCH CELEBRATIONS!**

On Sunday 24th May, we were blessed with a beautiful sunny afternoon for this year's ecumenical Pentecost Walk. It was brilliant to see so many people from across our region come together in joyful celebration- sharing prayer, games, and fellowship as we journeyed along Hope Street, visiting the cathedrals at either end.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the day so special.

A special word of thanks to the charities who highlighted the fantastic work happening across our region:

L'Arche, Centre for Theology & Community, The Gather Movement, Churches Together in the Merseyside Region, CARJ, The Missionaries of Africa, Celebrate Recovery, Mission in the Economy, and Together Liverpool.

- **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE COMPLETE**

Huge congratulations to the 12 couples who have completed the marriage preparation course last Thursday at St Agnes & St Aidan church Huyton. It was a good opportunity for those engaged couples to reflect on what sacramental marriage means to them. One of the attendees commented, '*Great exercises; thought-provoking activities*' Our heartfelt thanks to the catechist team for their efforts.

NEW ITEMS

- **POPE LEO XIV'S FIRST PAPAL ENCYCLICAL: MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS!**

'Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together.' – Pope Leo XIV
Published on Monday 25 May, Pope Leo XIV signed his first encyclical on 15 May, the 135th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum*. The new letter, *Magnifica Humanitas*, addresses one of today's major challenges: safeguarding the human person in the age of Artificial Intelligence.



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Pope Leo XIV appeals for people to build 'for the common good' and to 'remain human,' acting in courage towards shared responsibility and communion, so that the world 'will come to recognise the human heart as the place where God desires to dwell.'

Access the new encyclical at the Vatican Website via: <https://tinyurl.com/ymhbn238>

- **THEOLOGY IN THE PUB: FRANCISCAN JUBILEE LECTURE**

Location: Blackburne Arms Pub (Allerton Road branch)

Date and time: 25th June, doors at 6:30pm

Join us at the Blackburne Arms Pub (Allerton Road) on 25 June for an evening of theology and lively conversation!

As part of the Archdiocese of Liverpool's celebration of the Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi, we welcome Danny McKillop for a thought-provoking talk and discussion on the Franciscan vision of seeing God in creation.

Doors open at **6:30pm**- a perfect chance to grab a drink and settle in before we head to the Upper Room for the talk beginning at **7pm**.

Please note: seating is first-come, first-served, so arriving early is recommended. This event is for **18+ only**. For any enquiries, contact catholicsocialaction@rcaol.org.uk

SACRAMENT – CATECHESIS – FORMATION

- **DAY FOR CATECHISTS 4 JULY 2026**

No matter what kind of catechesis ministry you are involving (e.g., baptism, first communion, confirmation, children liturgy or RCIA), there is a good opportunity for you to refresh your vocation of being a catechist. On **Saturday 4 July**, Fr Luke Dominic Onwe will lead the Day for Catechists taking place at **St Joseph's Prayer Centre at Formby**. Please book here <https://tinyurl.com/yku82tt7> For enquiry, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

- **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

The Archdiocese & Marriage Encounter have teamed up to offer couples the chance to take time out for a Weekend, away from all the usual hustle and bustle of life. It will give you the opportunity to experience ways of communicating at a deeper level for each other. It will take place at **St Margaret Clitherow Centre** on **Saturday 27th and 28th June**. Please book here <https://tinyurl.com/mwzumuu6> For enquiry, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

RETREATS & PILGRIMAGES

- **PILGRIM WALK FOR YOUNG ADULTS – SATURDAY 6 JUNE**

A Pilgrim Walk for young adults who are aged 18-35 will be organised on **Saturday 6 June**. We will gather at **Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Portico L34 2QT** and begin the walk at **10am**. We will come back to the church for mid-day Mass, followed by lunch. Please book here <https://tinyurl.com/2r9c2ba9> For enquiry, please contact Chris at c.higgins@rcaol.org.uk



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YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

- **ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

Anyone aged 18-35 is welcome to join the Archdiocesan Young Adult Group, meeting fortnightly at the **Pauline Book Centre (L1 3AY)**. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 23 June**. Debbie Reynolds, Prison Chaplain will talk about: Presence in Prison: Faith, Listening & Hope. Light refreshment will be served at 6.30pm, followed by the sharing at 7pm. For enquiries, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk.

- **PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI FOR YOUNG ADULTS (DISCOUNT AVAILABLE)**

Organised in partnership with McCabe Travel, the Archdiocese is organising the pilgrimage to Assisi for young adults aged 18-35, taking place from **29 November to 2 December 2026**. For the first 15 people from Liverpool Archdiocese to book, there is a discount price of £799 (the full price is £990). [View here for information and to book your space](#) For enquiries, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk.

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

All Portuguese-speaking young adults are welcome to join a monthly gathering for prayer, friendship, and faith at **St Michael and All Angels Church, Kirkby, L32**. For enquiries, please get in touch by [email](#).

- **LECTIO FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

A lectio prayer group for young adults meets every **Friday at 18:00** at St Vincent de Paul's Church, L1 5JN. For more information, please contact James: djmoroney@cantab.net or call 07546667394. To join the WhatsApp community please follow the [link](#).

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION

- **CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION CONFERENCE 2026 – BOOK NOW**

Date: Friday, 10 July 2026

Location: Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

In light of the release of Pope Leo's *Magnifica Humanitas*, this year's social action conference will be themed **'Humanitas: Flourishing in Action.'** We'll explore the opportunities and challenges of putting human flourishing at the heart of Catholic Social Action.

With a keynote from Jenny Sinclair, the day will include an exploration of the Franciscan spirituality of the human person, discussion of faith and civic responses to rapid developments in AI, human flourishing in diversity, and the human person in creation.

Limited spaces available- make sure to register your place soon!
Sign-up here: <https://tinyurl.com/2vu44wu8>

OTHER EVENTS

- **WEBELIEVE FESTIVAL – 24 TO 27 JULY**



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WeBelieve festival brings thousands together to encounter Jesus Christ in His Church. it's an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God.

Join us from **24-27 July, 2026** at the historic and beautiful setting of **St Mary's College, Oscott** for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful.

<https://www.webeliefefestival.com/tickets>

- **PAUL, AN APOSTLE OF OUR TIME**

Scripture sharing with strawberries and cream. **Tuesdays 7pm, 23, 30 June, 7, 14 July 2026** at the **Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD**. zoom link available centreirenaeus@gmail.com

- **SUMMER GARDEN PARTY AT IRENAEUS**

Mass and BBQ at the **Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD, 3pm 28 June 2026**. For more information contact centreirenaeus@gmail.com



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or Mark Robson 0151 522 1013 / 07585761965 Claire Newton 0151 522 1043 / 07384643237 or safeguarding@rcaol.org.uk

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The Irenaeus Project www.irenaeus.co.uk/

Youth Ministry: Animate www.animateyouth.org/

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