



PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN

28th and 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2024

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

For the current week's readings and Saints please look at Liturgy Office www.liturgyoffice.org.uk, *Universalis* (Liverpool/IOM) and The Liverpool Ordo. You can find additional Saints' information on https://www.catholicireland.net/saints_category/saints/

Pope Francis' October Prayer Intention - For A Shared Mission -

Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

You can watch Pope Francis' message here:

<https://youtu.be/59nGW4QZ7tY>

Merciful Father,
grant that all the faithful of the Church,
looking into the signs of the times by the light of faith,
may constantly devote themselves to the service of the Gospel.
Keep us attentive to the needs of all,
that sharing their grief and pain, their joy and hope,
we may faithfully bring them the good news of salvation
and go forward with them along the way of your Kingdom.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.
(adapted from the Missal, Synod Prayer Book 2020)



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Saint John Henry Newman - Feast Wednesday 9th October

"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.

He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments.

Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about."

UPDATE FROM THE LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE

• READERS TRAINING FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE LITURGY COMMISSION

Prayer, reflection, and practical reader training will be offered at the following:

- Irenaeus, Waterloo, L22 1RD – Saturday 19 October (10.00-13.00)
- St Mary's Community Centre, Leyland, PR25 1PD – Saturday 2 November (10.00-13.00)

Lunch will take place after the sessions and attendees are advised to bring their own packed lunch. For more information and to book your place please email pa.stmaryleyland@rcaol.org.uk

• MUSIC AT THE MET 2024

During 2024 the Metropolitan Cathedral are celebrating the return of their restored grand organ with a series of concerts and events that will demonstrate the versatility of the instrument.

- **BBC Radio 3 Choral Evening Prayer**, Wednesday 9 October, 15.00
- **Cologne Cathedral Choir**, Sunday 13 October, 11.00
- **Bruckner and Saint-Saëns**, Saturday 19 October, 19.00
- **Advent Sequence**, Sunday 1 December, 17.00
- **Bach and Handel**, Sunday 8 December, 15.00
- **A Celebration of Christmas**, Saturday 14 December, 19.00
- **A Ceremony of Carols**, Sunday 15 December, 15.00

For more information, please call 01517087283 or email music@metcathedral.org.uk

or download their brochure: [LMC-2024-Concert-Brochure-FINAL.pdf](https://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/LMC-2024-Concert-Brochure-FINAL.pdf) ([liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk](https://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk))

RESOURCES & EVENTS

• SCHOOL OF SYNODALITY:

How do we listen to each other well? How do we step back from our own agendas to be attentive to where the Spirit is moving? How can we make better decisions about organising ourselves as Christian communities?

How do we enrich our parish communal life with enriching conversations?



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The Synod process has emphasised the importance of listening and good conversations in our community life. However, these are not always so easy in practice! This [101: Conversations in the Spirit workshop series](#) will introduce the principles of holding prayerful, truthful and safe conversations which value gracious listening and courageous speaking.

It is suitable for all levels of experience including people who have not been involved in the Synod process so far. You will be supported to hold your own 'trial' conversation over the course of the sessions and reflect on your experience with the group. We will also hold a conversation in the Spirit each week.

Workshops will take place Wednesday evenings (30 October, 6 November, 13 November) from 7.00pm-9.00pm BST. To register please visit www.schoolforsynodality.org.uk

After attending these workshops, we hope you will have the resources you need to hold a conversation in the spirit in your community.

- **BLACK HISTORY MONTH – OCTOBER 2024**

This year's theme for Black History Month is "Reclaiming Narratives," seeking to recognise and correct the narratives of Black history and culture. For resources go to <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/> or <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice/>

- **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS**

The Charismatic Service of Communion are facilitating the 'Life in the Spirit Seminars' at the Irenaeus Centre (Waterloo, L22 1RD) on *Tuesday 15, 22, 29 October and 5, 12, 19 November (7-8.30pm)* to recognise the work of the Holy Spirit. To aide sharing and support during seminars the organisers ask, where possible, for attendees to come along to the Irenaeus Centre. However, zoom links can be requested to watch the presentation for prayer groups to participate in their own "hub" venues. Sharing will take place at hubs if attendees cannot make it to the Irenaeus Centre. For any further information, and if you require a link, email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

[VACANCIES AT THE ARCHDIOCESE](#)

We are currently advertising several vacancies. If you're interested in working for the archdiocese, you can find an up-to-date list of vacancies available here: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers



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The Irenaeus Project	https://www.irenaeus.co.uk/		
Youth Ministry: Animate	https://www.animateyouth.org/		
<i>CSA* Catholic Social Action</i>			

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