



# PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN

## 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2024

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

For the current week's readings and Saints please look at Liturgy Office [www.liturgyoffice.org.uk](http://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/](https://www.catholicireland.net/saints_category/saints/)

#### **All Saints – November 1st**

For all the saints who from their labours rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia! *(W.W. How 1823-97)*

When we call upon the saints in heaven they intercede on our behalf, asking God to help us in our time of need. The saints have lived exemplary lives, and their devotion to God can inspire us to lead a more faithful life. By praying to the saints, we can seek their intercession and ask for their guidance in our daily struggles in becoming saints of our own age.

"Your Christian history...is not over. Your saints are not silent.... Your saints are alive.  
They are the guarantors of your past and of your future"  
*(St Pope John Paul II, Homily of April 21, 1990)*

#### **All Souls – November 2nd**

The Church is composed of the faithful living upon the earth and those who have gone before us. Today, and throughout this month, we pray for those gone before us that, as they approach the throne of God, their souls are purified and their journey into the Holy Presence of God, started when they were called by name, reaches its completion.

God calls each one by name. Everyone's name is sacred. The name is the icon of the person. It demands respect as a sign of the dignity of the one who bears it. *(The Catechism of the Catholic Church 2158)*

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." *(Isaiah 43:1)*

"Rejoice that your names are written in heaven." *(Luke 10:20)*

Saints of God, come to their aid! Hasten to meet them, angels of the Lord!  
*Receive their soul and present them to God the Most High.*

May Christ, who called them, take them to himself; may angels lead them to the bosom of Abraham.  
*Receive their soul and present them to God the Most High.*

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
*Receive their soul and present them to God the Most High.*

*(The Order of Christian Funerals)*



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## UPDATE FROM THE LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE

### ● ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP

There will be an Archdiocesan Young Adult Group meeting at Pauline Book Centre (84 Church Street, Liverpool L1 3AY) on Monday 28 October. We will start at 6.30pm and refreshment will be provided. Anyone aged 18-35 is welcome to attend. The theme is praying to Ss Simon and Jude. For more information, please contact [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)

### ● READERS TRAINING FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE LITURGY COMMISSION

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

- 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](mailto: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.

- **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](mailto:music@metcathedral.org.uk)

or download their brochure: [LMC-2024-Concert-Brochure-FINAL.pdf](#) ([liverpoolmetro cathedral.org.uk](http://liverpoolmetro cathedral.org.uk))

## RESOURCES & EVENTS

### ● FAITH WINTER CONFERENCE 2-4 JANUARY 2025

There is a three-day conference for young Catholics aged 16-30 at Stonyhurst College from 2-4 January 2025. Organised by the Faith Movement, the conference offers a unique blend of catechetical, spiritual and social activities in a relaxed holiday atmosphere and the theme is 'Why The Church?' For more details or to book your place at [www.faith.org.uk/events](http://www.faith.org.uk/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?*

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.



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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](http://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](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)

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<b>Youth Ministry: Animate</b>		<a href="https://www.animateyouth.org/">https://www.animateyouth.org/</a>	

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