



PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN

32nd and 33rd Sundays 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/

Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd.
The shepherd who lays his life down for his sheep"
LORD, BE OUR GOOD SHEPHERD.
WHEN WE WALK THROUGH VALLEYS OF SHADOW
BE WITH US WITH YOUR CROOK AND YOUR STAFF
AND LEAD US TO THE DAWN OF ETERNAL LIFE.

Jesus said, "I am the gate of the sheepfold
All who enter through me will be safe"
LORD, WELCOME US THROUGH YOUR GATEWAY
GUIDE US AND GUARD US AND DRAW US INTO
YOUR KEEPING IN ETERNAL LIFE.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life,
Anyone who believes in me shall live for ever"
LORD, WE BELIEVE, HELP OUR UNBELIEF.
HELP US TO SEE IN YOU OUR PROMISE OF
RESURRECTION
HELP US TO SEE IN YOU OUR PROMISE OF
ETERNAL LIFE.

Adapted - Wellsprings 2007 Gathering Up Treasure

FOR PEACE

As the fever of day calms towards twilight
May all that is strained in us come to ease.

We pray for all who suffered violence today,
May an unexpected serenity surprise them.

For those who risk their lives each day for peace,
May their hearts glimpse providence at the heart of
history.

That those who make riches from violence and war
Might hear in their dreams the cries of the lost.

That we might see through our fear of each other
A new vision to heal our fatal attraction to aggression.

That those who enjoy the privilege of peace
Might not forget their tormented brothers and sisters.

That the wolf might lie down with the lamb,
That our swords be beaten into ploughshares

And no hurt or harm be done
Anywhere along the holy mountain.

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UPDATE FROM THE LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE

• **HOLY COMMUNION BADGE COMPETITION**

Following the success of last year's holy communion badge competition we are pleased to announce that the closing date for this year's competition will be 27 January 2025. It is an opportunity for children making their holy communion to design a special badge that will be given out to every child who participates in this sacrament next year. If you are a teacher or a catechist or a parent, please follow the link below for more details:

• **ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

The next Archdiocesan Young Adult Group meeting at Pauline Book Centre (84 Church Street, Liverpool L1 3AY) on Tuesday 12 November. We will start at 6.30pm and refreshment will be provided. Anyone



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aged 18-35 is welcome to attend. The theme is praying to St Josaphat, Patron Saint of Ukraine. For more information, please contact m.mui@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

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

- **HOW TO INFLUENCE DECISION MAKERS: FROM NATIONAL POLITICIANS TO LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES, Thursday 28th November, 6.30, ONLINE**

This Archdiocese Social Action Network will focus on how we can make systemic change - both nationally and locally - by shining a light on the skills and planning needed to effect change. It also includes inspirational stories of when simple actions have had great effect. Speakers include: Nicola Sansom, Director of Delivery, Hope for the Future; Annette James, Speaking on Craftivism.

- **THIS IS ALPHA – MANCHESTER, Saturday 16 November, Fabric Church, 1 Ardwick Green North Manchester, M12 6HD**

Are you part of an Alpha team? Are you interested in setting up an Alpha team? This is a unique event for Alpha teams and leaders and coming to Manchester! Join *Nicky and Pippa Gumbel* and other special guests for a day of inspiration, ministry, training, teaching, stories of transformation and a celebration of evangelism in the local church. Bring the whole team and share the experience together.

This conference is ticketed at £10 and will be live streamed to an additional hall for those who cannot access the stairs at the venue. Please contact us on uk@alpha.org if you require more information on this. [This is Alpha - Manchester Tickets, Sat 16 Nov 2024 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/this-is-alpha-manchester-tickets-71234567890)

- **ARCHDIOCESAN SYNODAL COUNCIL: Saturday 9 November**

Advent 2024 sees the third anniversary of the proclamation of the post-Synod Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan. This is a good time to review what has happened, what has been done and what is still to do. The main principles that underpin the whole plan are the four signposts:

1. Be immersed in the joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties of humanity today.
2. Develop leadership to attend to changing needs.
3. Be bold and creative in renewing local structures.
4. Embed synodality in every aspect of archdiocesan life.

Six strategic actions for the archdiocese will form the main item of discernment and listening for the Archdiocesan Synodal Council, which meets on Saturday 9 November. You are invited to share in the first part of the ASC via zoom between 10.30am – 11.30am, if you would like to join please use the



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following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89983555285?pwd=GbHwdzCo42YoaRMvllq8GgZBz5M5NW.1>

Meeting ID: 899 8355 5285

Passcode: 184212

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

- **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.

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.

- **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

- **CAFOD'S WORLD GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS:**

This Christmas, give your loved ones something exceptional and life changing. Buying CAFOD's virtual World Gifts makes a real difference for our sisters and brothers facing the injustice of poverty around the world. Choose from a range of beautifully illustrated cards, each representing a gift of hope, inspired by real people and real needs. Cards can be sent by post, as an eCard, or printed at home.



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Purchase World Gifts and other gifts such as Advent calendars and jute bags at worldgifts.cafod.org.uk or pick up a catalogue in church.

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The Irenaeus Project

<https://www.irenaeus.co.uk/>

Youth Ministry: Animate

<https://www.animateyouth.org/>

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