



# PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN

## **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/)

## **REFLECTION**

### **Vocations Sunday Prayer**

God our Loving Father,  
you called each of us by name through the Sacrament of Baptism to holiness.  
Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, you made us the temples of the Holy Spirit.  
Help us to listen to the cry of our Lord Jesus from the Holy Cross 'I thirst'  
and respond to the call  
'Go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news to all the nations'.  
Guide us in every step we take in life  
and lead us in every decision we make in responding to your call.  
Make us and mould us into the living images of Christ your Son,  
who was always close to those in need.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord,  
Amen

## **UPDATE FROM THE LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE**

### **• AN INTRODUCTION TO VATICAN II**

An in-person study retreat day exploring Vatican II is being offered in collaboration with the Light of Truth Dominican Sisters who will introduce us to the Second Vatican Council, the outcomes of Vatican II and its impact on the world today. This would be perfect for anyone who is looking to explore this important event for the first time, as well as for anyone who is looking to reflect on and revisit the year of the Council. This event is being offered for free. If you have any questions, please contact [e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk) To book your place, please register here: <https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/jaujdgxs>



### • **CATECHIST COURSE – MODULE 3**

We will be starting the final stage of our journey in Catechesis on **Wednesday 24 April at 7pm at the St Margaret Clitherow Centre**, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA.

These five sessions will help identify key principles to develop a culture of ongoing catechesis, formation and discipleship. Ideal for those more experienced catechists or anyone who would like to take their parish catechesis further. (You don't have to have attended the previous 2 modules to join us.) Topics include:

- Family Focused Catechesis on 24 April
- Catechesis for those with Special & Additional Needs on 1 May
- Morality & Catholic Social Teaching on 22 May
- Leading a team of catechists and creating your own resources on 29 May
- Ongoing Formation and Discipleship on 5 June

Please contact [training@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:training@rcaol.org.uk) for more details.

### • **RCIA THE MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS**

We are celebrating the Mass for New Catholics on **Thursday 20 June at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral at 7pm and will be celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm**. Anyone who has been received into the church, both this year and previous years are welcome to attend with their families, friends and Catechists.

### • **FACILITATION TRAINING**

We are now offering training for people in our parishes who lead groups. Whether they are for praying, liturgy, or volunteering this 2-hour workshop will provide an opportunity to come together to discuss the format of your group and share new ideas to support the facilitation of your group moving forward. If you are interested in arranging a workshop for your parish or deanery, please contact [e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk)

### • **CARDS TO THE HOLY LAND**

The current list of names and addresses of parishes in the Holy Land and essential information is available for those parishes or groups in the Archdiocese wanting to send greetings cards this Easter. Available here <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ministries/commissions/justice-peace>

### • **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.

- **Eastertide Carol Service**, Sunday 21 April, 3pm
- **Choral Evening Prayer with the Rededication of the Grand Organ followed by the**



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- **Opening Organ Recital by Martin Baker**, Sunday 12 May, 3pm
- **Two Cathedrals' Messiah**, Saturday 18 May, 19.30
- **Organ Recital by Katherine Dienes-Williams**, Monday 27 May, 11.15

For more information, please call 01517087283 or email [music@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:music@metcathedral.org.uk)

- **TRAINING for Priests, Religious and Deacons: Friday 10th May 2024, 10.30-4.00.**

**Love the Stranger: Asylum, Refugee and Trafficking workshop**

**Venue: St Margaret Clitherow Centre. Delivered by Santa Marta Group and Archdiocese**

Following the Catholic Bishops' Conference publication of "Love the Stranger", you are invited to learn more about asylum seekers, refugees and trafficked people. This training is aimed at Priests, Religious and Deacons, and will: explore the reality behind the myth; give you a confidence of understanding; and action plans for your parish. Register here <https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/rck6jbaq>

- **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](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers)

## **RESOURCES AND EVENTS**

- **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAY, 27 April 2024**

Parishes are invited to booked places by emailing [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or call 01519491199.

- **COME AND SEE, THE POWER OF THE SACRAMENTS - Led by Fr. Pat Collins, Saturday 4 May 2024**

For more information, please contact [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or call 01519491199.

- **POUR OUT YOUR GRACE AS AT A NEW PENTECOST, with guest speaker Michelle Moran, Saturday 11 May 2024, 10am-4pm**

Event hosted at the Irenaeus Centre. For more information, please contact [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or call 01519491199.

- **WOMENS WEEKEND AT IRENAEUS: MARY IN A WORLD OF MARTHA? 14-16 June 2024**

Limited residential spaces available. For more information, please contact [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or call 01519491199.



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