



ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 18th MAY 2025

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

- **HABEMUS PAPAM - WE HAVE A NEW POPE**

On Thursday 8 May, it was announced that Cardinal Robert Prevost is named Pope Leo XIV, as the 267th successor of St Peter. We rejoice in his election and pray for Our Holy Father the Pope. For the full statement on the announcement of Pope Leo XIV from the Archdiocese please refer to [Statement on the announcement of Pope Leo XIV from the Archdiocese of Liverpool | News](#)

- **DSC CHAIRS**

Had their second meeting a couple of weekends ago. It was a very positive meeting with discussions about how the Chairs themselves can share information and ideas. They also considered working on a project together in the future

- **THE ISLE OF MAN**

Several meetings were held on the Isle of Man last week/weekend. Amidst the excitement of the announcement of Pope Leo XIV the DSC and catechists groups met with members of the Pastoral Development Team. These were positive and productive meetings considering the future of our Mission on the Isle.

NEW UPDATES THIS WEEK

- **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE**

Are you planning to marry in Catholic Church? Do you looking for some time out from the busy wedding planning, providing you and your partner with an opportunity to focus on your relationship and to learn more about each other?

The Liverpool Archdiocese is now offering marriage preparation course for engaged couples. The course will involve four sessions, meeting in group with other couples. To be led by trained lay facilitators, the course will help the couples develop skills which could facilitate good communication within their relationship and an understanding of unconditional love set within a Catholic faith. Two identical courses will be available in June/July and September/October with

following details:



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	Course A	Course B
Date:	16 June, 23 June, 30 June, 7 July (all Mondays)	29 September, 6 October, 13 October, 20 October (all Mondays)
Time:	6.30pm – 8.30pm	6.30pm – 8.30pm
Venue:	Christ the King Church, Queens Drive, Childwall, Liverpool L15 6YQ	St Helen's Church, Alexandra Road, Crosby, Liverpool L23 7TQ

There is a fee of £50 per couple to help towards materials and other expenses. Please book online here at [Marriage Preparation Course Link](#) . For enquiry please contact Moses Mui, Training Coordinator at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk



• LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME – Saturday 31 May 2025

Parish of St Mary Magdalen & St Teresa

A half-day session for those involved in supporting Children's Church/Liturgy in their parishes. Led by Margaret Wright, former headteacher and currently RE advisor for the Diocese of Lancaster and catechist in one of our churches. An opportunity to share good practice already taking place and explore alternative ways of 'Unlocking the Word' with children, for example, through a 'Godly Play' style approach, imaginative prayer and praying with pictures.

10:00 (for a 10:30 start) till 12:30 at **St Teresa's Church**, Queensway, Penwortham PR1 0DS R.S.V.P. to penwortham@rcaol.org.uk by Wednesday 28th May

SACRAMENT – CATECHESIS - FORMATION

• FAMILY PICNIC – Saturday 28 June 2025

St Annes, Prescott Rd, Ormskirk, L39 4TG, time to be confirmed. If you are interested, please sign up here [Family Picnic Link](#) and for more information please contact Ian at i.parrott@rcaol.org.uk



• CONFIRMATION 2025 (ANIMATE)

2025 registration to receive the sacrament of confirmation has now closed.

For those registered and/or interested please join the Animate team and special guests live for the **Sacrament of Confirmation Online Preparation Sessions** on **Thursday 15 May** from **16.30-18.00** on the Animate Youth YouTube channel. No log in required. This session will offer a reminder of some of the work done in schools on Gifts of the Spirit, Saints, Rite of Confirmation. You will also hear how Confirmation has affected different people in the Archdiocese. **This is to run alongside your Local Parish/Deanery preparation.**

• GENERAL CATECHIST COURSE

- Are you an existing catechist looking to refresh your knowledge? The Archdiocese will organise the training module called 'Missionary Catechesis' in June. The module will help participants identify key principles to develop a culture of ongoing catechesis, formation and discipleship. Topics including family focused catechesis, catechesis for those with special & additional needs, leading a team of catechists, and ongoing formation will be covered. The module will be held on **4 June, 11 June, 18 June** and **25 June, 19.00 – 20.30** at **St Mary's church, Broadfield Walk, Leyland PR25**



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1PD. If you're interested, sign up here [General Catechist Course Link](#) For more information, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

JUBILEE

- **ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE WALK (1) – ST ANNE & BLESSED DOMINIC, SUTTON, ST HELENS – Saturday 17 May 2025**

The first of our three Jubilee Pilgrimage Walks will take place **THIS Saturday 17 May**. This will be a circular walk of 5 miles based around the Jubilee Church of **St Anne and Blessed Dominic in St Helens**. The walk will begin **10:00** from the church car park (**WA9 3ZD**) and will end with a short procession through the grounds at **11:50**. Those who do not feel able to complete the 5-mile walk may join us for the procession. Holy Mass will be celebrated at **12:00** and there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and visit to the **Shrine of Blessed Dominic Barberi**. Refreshments will also be available after Mass in the Parish Centre. To allow us to plan accordingly please sign up for the walk using the following link: [Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Walk](#) For more information contact Chris: c.higgins@rcaol.org.uk



- **VISIT OF FATIMA STATUE AND RELICS – Monday 2 June 2025**

The Centenary Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the relics of Ss Jacinta and Francisco are coming to the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on **Monday 2 June**. On the day, there will be Holy Mass at **10:00**, followed by Holy Rosary, act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. At **13:00**, there will be Fatima talk & film, followed by enrolment & investiture of the Brown Scapular and Holy Hour. The event will conclude with benediction at **16:00**. For enquiry, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

- **'PILGRIMS OF HOPE' PENTECOST WALK – Sunday 8 June 2025**

This year's walk will start at the Anglican Cathedral and move to the Metropolitan Cathedral along Hope Street. The theme this year is our Jubilee theme: 'Pilgrims of Hope'. There are lots of exciting things planned for the day – save the date. Parishes and groups are invited to come along with banners which can be carried in the procession.

- **THE NATIONAL JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE, Saturday 13 – Sunday 14 September 2025**

The Pilgrimage of Hope is a national walking pilgrimage with four main Ways converging at the **Cathedral of St Barnabas, Nottingham**, on **Saturday 13 September 2025**, for shared prayer and celebration. The Pilgrimage will culminate with Solemn Mass for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross at **11:15 14 September 2025** at St Barnabas' Cathedral. The Pilgrimage will embody the values of the Sisters of the Holy Cross of compassion, faith, prayer and community.

- [Pilgrimage Walk | The Pilgrimage of Hope](#) – registration opens **April 2025**



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RETREATS/SPIRITUALITY

- **IRENAEUS: GLIMPSES OF RESURRECTION: 14 & 21 May**

An exploration of the Resurrection stories. Chris Thomas will share on the resurrection stories in the Gospels and how it challenges us today, followed by Mass, at the **Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD. 10:30-12:00 noon**

- **IRENAEUS: DEMENTIA AWARENESS: 19 May**

An exploration of the Resurrection stories, followed by Mass, at the **Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD. 14:00 – 15:00** This session, led by Sr. Moira on behalf of the Alzheimer's Society, will focus on raising awareness of dementia. We will discuss ways to recognize and support individuals living with dementia

- **IRENAEUS: FURTHER DATES AND EVENTS:**

Songs We Remember	14:00-16:00 14 th & 28 th May
Agape Mass	19:00 5 th June & 3 rd July
Come and See Days at Irenaeus	10:30-16:00 7 th June & 5 th July
Journey into Silence – Introduction to meditation	10:00 to 15:00 14 th June
Summer Celebration & BBQ	17:00 21 st June

For more information contact Jenny at jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or 0151 9491199 www.irenaeus.co.uk

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS:

- **ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

The Archdiocesan Young Adult Group meet fortnightly at **Pauline Book Centre (84 Church Street, Liverpool L1 3AY)**. As usual, we will start at **18.30** with food and refreshment provided, then followed by prayer at **19.00**. This year we will explore different types of prayer. The upcoming meeting will be on **10 June**, and the theme will be 'Praying with Music'. Anyone aged 18-35 would be most welcome. For enquiry, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

- **FCJ YOUNG ADULT NETWORK – UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Friday 23 – Sunday 25 May:** FCJ Vocations Weekend <https://bit.ly/FCJVocationWeekend>
- **Sunday 8 – Sunday 15 June** Volunteering Catholic Social Action – Liverpool fcjcentresthughes@gmail.com
- **Monday 23 – Sunday 29 June:** Urban Gardening & Ecology – London info@fcjhouse-somerstown.co.uk
- **Monday 28 July – Sunday 3 August:** MAGIS Pilgrimage to Rome <https://bit.ly/MAGIS-Rome2025>
- More information from [Young Adults - Faithful Companions of Jesus](#)



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IMPORTANT ARCHDIOCESAN DATES – SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday 15 May	Animate Confirmation – Catholic Schools
Saturday 17 May	Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Walk and Mass – St Anne & Blessed Dominic, St Helen's
Monday 2 June	Visit of Fatima Statue and Relics at the Cathedral
Sunday 8 June	'Pilgrims of Hope' Pentecost Walk - Cathedrals
Sunday 22 June	The Mass for new Catholics
Sunday 24 August	Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Walk and Mass – St Oswald & St Edmund Arrowsmith, Ashton
Saturday 20 September	Care for Creation Walk and Mass – St Mary's, Aughton
Saturday 27 September	Retreat Day for Catechists

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