



ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 27th APRIL 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

• **THE CHRISM MASS, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

The Chrism Mass celebrated last Wednesday, the evening before Maundy Thursday, took place in the Cathedral as usual. During this Mass, our priests gather to renew their commitment to their ministry before the Archbishop blesses the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens, and consecrates the Oil of Chrism to be used throughout the Archdiocese in the year ahead. A huge amount of people from parishes across the Archdiocese came together in prayer, many by coach. Over Easter this year 175 adults were received into the Church (within the Archdiocese) through the Sacraments of Initiation. We congratulate them all and give thanks to God for the graces we received this Easter.

NEW UPDATES THIS WEEK

• **POPE FRANCIS – REST IN PEACE**

O God, faithful rewarder of souls,
grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

- The Roman Missal, Prayers for the Dead – For A Pope

A book of condolence is available at the Cathedral for anyone who wishes to write a message or prayer in memory of Pope Francis. His funeral will take place at St Peter's on Saturday at 10.00am (Rome) – and 9.00am GMT.

SACRAMENT – CATECHESIS - FORMATION

• **HOLY MASS AND BRUNCH FOR ENGAGED COUPLES – Saturday 31 May**

To celebrate the gift of marriage, all engaged couples across the Archdiocese are cordially invited to the Holy Mass on Saturday 31 May at St Margaret Clitherow Centre (Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA). The Mass with special blessing for engaged couples will be celebrated at



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11am, followed by brunch. If you are interested to join please sign up with the below online enrolment form. For enquiry, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk
<https://forms.office.com/e/M7sfFVrPBX?origin=lprLink>

- **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 <https://forms.office.com/e/jBYLYUyBtt> 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 1 May** and **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 considering being catechist or is existing catechist looking to refresh your knowledge? The Archdiocese is now running a series of catechist training course covering various topics about catechesis you might be interested in. There are two modules coming. **'Discipleship Catechesis'** will explore key elements of the Catholic Faith and how they can be explored through Catechesis. **'Missionary Catechesis'** will help identify key principles to develop a culture of ongoing catechesis, formation and discipleship.

| Discipleship Catechesis | | Missionary Catechesis | |
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| 9 April | 7 May | 4 June | 18 June |
| 23 April | 14 May | 11 June | 25 June |
| 30 April | 21 May | | |

Venue: St Mary's church, Broadfield Walk, Leyland (PR25 1PD) | Time: 19.00 – 20.30

If you are interested, please sign up

here <https://forms.office.com/e/efjAZbJUrZ?origin=lprLink>

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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 on **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



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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: <https://forms.office.com/e/11DnmnWWC5>
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 finish 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**

RETREATS/SPIRITUALITY

- **CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY NETWORK CONFERENCE 2025, Saturday 26 April**

Led by Rev Lister Tonge at the **Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD. 10:30-16:00 Conference Fees:** £30 / CSN members £25. Bookings: Margaret Palladino
catholicspiritualitynetwork@gmail.com , www.csnretreats.org.uk/conference.php

- **THE LIGHT OF TRUTH SHORT COURSES**

The Dominican Sisters of St Joseph / Light of Truth are running several online courses and retreats over the coming months.

- **Essential Training for Catechists** – 6 sessions to introduce the fundamental aspects of catechesis, **Thursday 1 May, 19:30-21:00**.

Further information and booking at [Short Courses | Light of Truth](#) Suggested donation: £5 per session per person.

- **IRENAEUS: COME AND SEE, Keynote Speaker: Allegra Mutanda, Saturday 3 May, 10.30–16.00**



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Suggested donation of £10. A packed lunch is advised. For more information email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call: 0151 949 1199.

- **IRENAEUS: GLIMPSES OF RESURRECTION: 30 April, 7, 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

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS:

- **ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

The Archdiocesan Young Adult Group will meet fortnightly at **Pauline Book Centre (84 Church Street, Liverpool L1 3AY)**. As usual, we will start at **18.30** and refreshment will be provided. Anyone aged 18-35 would be most welcome. This year we will explore different types of prayer. The upcoming meeting will be on **29 April**, and the theme will be 'Praying with St Carlo Acutis'. For enquiry please contact 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 fcjcentresthughs@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](#)

IMPORTANT ARCHDIOCESAN DATES – SAVE THE DATE!

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| Saturday 26 April | Catholic Spirituality Network Conference 2025 |
| Thursday 1 May and 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 |



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