

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



FEAST OF THE EXHALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, SUNDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 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

- **APPOINTMENT TO YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR POSITION IN PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT**

We welcome Sarah McGeehan to the team. Sarah has been newly appointed as Youth Ministry Coordinator.

- **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD TRAINING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

Last Saturday, twenty young people aged 11–17 gathered at St Michael's Church, Liverpool, to receive reader's training. The group came from the Northern Family of the Liverpool Central Deanery. The energy of the day was inspiring — joyful, fun, and full of life — yet marked by a deep seriousness as these young people embraced their ministry with commitment. Their response was amazing, and their witness gives us great hope for the future of our church!

SEASON OF CREATION

- **MASS FOR THE CARE OF CREATION RESOURCES**

As you may already be aware, Archbishop John Sherrington is encouraging parishes across the Archdiocese to celebrate **the Mass for the Care of Creation** (a formulary of the Mass which has been approved for use in England and Wales from 1st September- 4th October 2025) during this Season of Creation.

As many of our parishes and environmental action groups are putting together activities and liturgies for this season, you might be interested to see the Archdiocese's **liturgy planning pack for schools and parishes**, detailing some FAQs and considerations for planning the Mass for the Care of Creation, and signposting to some brilliant resources developed by CAFOD and the Laudato Si' Centre, Salford.

Access the resource pack via this link: https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/628e11d969d2a1dbd1bd224e/68b70e552b236d8143fd3578_Care%20for%20Creation%20Liturgy%20Resource%20Pack.docx



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- **MASS FOR THE CARE OF CREATION RESOURCES**

On **2nd-3rd October**, Pope Leo XIV will lead a global event to mark the tenth anniversary of the Laudato Si' encyclical together with a host of high-level leaders from the realms of civil society, science, and policy. This is anticipated to be Pope Leo XIV's first major statement on climate change and environmental protection. Speakers will reflect on the **impact of Laudato Si'** and the **most effective actions we can take now**.


This event can be livestreamed via the Laudato Si' Movement:

<https://raisinghope.earth/register-for-the-livestream-to-celebrate-the-past-and-look-ahead-to-the-future/>

SACRAMENT – CATECHESIS - FORMATION


- **INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION – MASTERCLASS WEBINAR SERIES**

Archdiocese of Southwark are having a Masterclass webinar on the topic of **Infant Baptism Preparation**. Joined by **Dr. Petroc Willey**, **Dr. William J. Keimig**, and **Jacqueline and Michael van Hemert** on at.

Date:	Tuesday 7th October	
Time:	19:30	
Venue:	Online	
https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/masterclass-infant-baptism-preparation		

- **DAY FOR CATECHISTS – FORMATION & REFLECTION**

Are you a catechist looking for spiritual refreshment? No matter what kind of ministry you are serving, there is a good opportunity for you to refresh your vocation of being a catechist. With the facilitation of Sr Carino and Sr Hyacinthe from the Dominican Sister of St Joseph, there will be spiritual input and practical discussion on the mission of catechesis. This event is free of charge, but please bring your packed lunch. For more information, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

Date:	Saturday 27 September	
Time:	9.30-16.00	
Venue:	St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA	
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- **DELVE INTO THE BIBLE WORKSHOP**

With the facilitation of **Dr Dorothy Jonaitis** from Loyola University Chicago, we will discover the reality of biblical authorship and how it is affected by different audiences and learn how the timeframe and geography affect scripture writing. If you're interested, please sign up online. For further information please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

Date:	Wednesday 8th October 2025	
Time:	Evening, exact time TBA	
Venue:	St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA	
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- **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT, Friday 12 September 10.00-15.00**

The Irenaeus Centre is exploring the ways in which we can support people in a time of grief, consider the stages of grief and what might help people. Hosted at the Irenaeus Centre, Great Georges Rd. Waterloo L22 1RD. Book a place with Jenny Tel: 0151 949 1199 or jenny@irenaeus.co.uk. Donation £10. Bring a Packed Lunch.

- **THE COUNCIL OF NICAEEA 1700th ANNIVERSARY: HONEST DISAGREEMENT IN LOVE NICAEEA THEN AND NOW, Friday 12 – Sunday 14 September 2025, Blackburn Cathedral**

In partnership with Churches Together, Blackburn Cathedral is honoured to host an Ecumenical conference to celebrate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea.

Bringing together theologians, ecumenical leaders and local participants, the conference will explore how the principles of honest respectful disagreement and loving engagement can help address the challenges we face - with both passion and compassion - and reflect on the enduring legacy of Nicaea. Engaging in meaningful conversations about unity and how faith communities can respond to conflict in the world today.

Please note Blackburn Cathedral has no onsite parking however there are several public car parks close by with a bus interchange and railway station two minutes away. The Cathedral is fully accessible and wheelchair friendly. There is level access into and around the building.

Contact No.	01254 277430
Email:	info@blackburncathedral.com
Address:	Blackburn Cathedral, Cathedral Close, Blackburn, BB1 5AA
Website:	https://blackburncathedral.com/the-council-of-nicaea-1700th-anniversary-conference/

- **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAYS**

The Irenaeus Centre will be leading Eucharistic ministry training days at on **25 October 2025 & 14 March 2026**. Parishes are invited to book places by emailing jenny@irenaeus.co.uk



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- **LIGHT OF TRUTH: ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS (ONLINE WORKSHOP), Saturday 6 December (ONLINE)**

Join the Dominican Sisters on Saturdays, from **9.00 to 12.00** noon for a short course of 3 sessions, to discover the essential nature and principles of catechesis, the sources of catechesis, and the best ways to prepare and deliver our catechesis. This course is open to everyone involved or interested in any kind of catechesis for adults, young people or children. This course is free, and the Dominican Sisters gratefully accept any donation you may be able to contribute.

<https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/essential-training-for-catechists-2025-12-06-09-00>

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION

- **JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION 16:00 Friday 12th September 2025**

If you are interested in getting involved as a new member, or would like to hear some more about the commission, feel free to get in touch with Justine Silcock at j.silcock@rcaol.org.uk


- **A21 GLOBAL FREEDOM SUMMIT**

The Archdiocese of Liverpool and Church of England Diocese of Liverpool have partnered to welcome you to an upcoming event designed to raise awareness about human trafficking and empower communities to act. Sign up via the link below:

Date:	Saturday 4th October 2025	
Time:	13:30	
Venue:	St James' House, Liverpool	
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/global-freedom-summit-lets-end-human-trafficking-tickets-1545084763119?aff=oddtcreator		

- **JUBILEE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Caritas CSAN are inviting all to attend their Jubilee for Social Justice at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. The day will include Holy Mass with Archbishop Emeritus Malcolm McMahon, impactful discussions, and input from inspiring leaders in Catholic social action. The day will be an opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals and communities, coming together to celebrate God's vision for a more just society. Save the date and sign up via the link below.

Date:	Saturday 20 September 2025	
Time:	Holy Mass 12:00 to 13:00, Lunch, Reflections, Exhibition 13:00 to 15:30	
Venue:	Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, Mount Pleasant Liverpool L3 5TQ	
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jubilee-for-social-justice-tickets-1374429849679		

Charities and organisations are welcome to host a stall after Holy Mass. For more information, please email Berna at bernadette.durcan@csan.org.uk.



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- **DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY, 28 September**

Through the Roof have asked to share information about Disability Awareness Sunday – **28 September**. A short video of disabled Christian author Emily Owen can be played in churches, and Emily has also written the materials for use in services on the theme of 'Made in the image of God'. All the resources are free and include suggested hymns and songs, prayers, etc, as well as Emily's video and ideas for the talk. Here's the link to request the pack: [Disability Awareness Sunday - Through the Roof](#)

- **TOWARDS THE COMMON GOOD: DINNER & DIALOGUE WITH JENNY SINCLAIR**


Together Liverpool warmly invites us to **St Cleopas Church** for a series of three evening gatherings of shared meals and meaningful conversation led by **Jenny Sinclair, founder and Director of Together for the Common Good**. These sessions will explore the connections between faith, work, and civic life.

Jenny will lead us through three themes:

- **Reading the Signs: Where Are We, Really? - Tuesday September 30th**
- **From Charity to Solidarity - Thursday October 30th**
- **A Story of Communion - Thursday November 27th**
- <https://togetherliverpool.org.uk/whats-new/towards-the-common-good-three-evenings>
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/towards-the-common-good-three-evenings-with-jenny-sinclair-tickets-1602296745699>

- **KIDS MATTER BREAKFAST**

Kids Matter are hosting a **breakfast and information session**. Church leaders, children and family workers, community volunteers, and local headteachers are welcome to attend for a free breakfast with open conversation, and the opportunity to hear how Kids Matter partners with Liverpool Churches and Communities. For more information, please contact Lynne Ryder at lynne.ryder@kidsmatter.org.uk

Date:	Tuesday 21st October 2025	
Time:	09:30 - 11:45	
Venue:	Front Line Centre, Wellington Road Junction of Wellington Road &Wavertree L15 0HY	
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kids-matter-breakfast-liverpool-tickets-1542799537949		

- **MARYS MEALS – 3 MILLION SMILES: MASS FOR THE WORK OF MARY’S MEALS**

Archbishop John Sherrington will be presiding at a special Mass of celebration for the work of global feeding charity Mary's Meals. All are welcome! Light refreshments will be served in the church hall after Mass

Date:	Sunday 21st September
Time:	15:00
Venue:	St Teresa's Catholic Church, 23 College Road, Upholland, WN8 0PY



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JUBILEE

- **CELEBRATION ON CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS & BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI**


To mark the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati by Pope Leo XIV on 7 September. A solemn evening prayer, benediction and veneration of the relics presided over by Bishop Tom Neylon will take place at **St Stephen's Church, Orford, Warrington, WA2 9HS** at **15.00** on **Sunday 7 September**. All are welcome to join. For more information <https://www.st-stephens-warrington.co.uk/>

- **FCJ: WHY HOPE? SEASON OF CREATION, Wednesday 17 September, 19.30-20.30 (ONLINE)**

Continue the journey through this Jubilee Year as the FCJ Sisters celebrate the Season of Creation. Our hope: Creation will find peace when justice is restored. There is still hope and the expectation for a peaceful Earth. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but to act, pray, change, and reconcile with Creation and the Creator in unity, repentance, and solidarity. This is an ONLINE event. There will be input and an opportunity for prayer together. This event is offered in collaboration by FCJ Centre St Hugh's in Liverpool and FCJ Spirituality Centre in London. It will also be offered in person in London and Liverpool – for more information, please contact the FCJ Centres for dates and visit the FCJ website: <https://shorturl.at/Ulpoc> to sign up.

- **ARCHDIOCESAN CARE FOR CREATION WALK AND MASS, Saturday 20 September**

Starting at 11am at St Mary's Public Oratory, Aughton (Prescot Road, Aughton, L39 6TA) the 3.5-mile circular route will include 3 prayer stops and will conclude with a celebration of Mass at 1:30pm. We hope to see you there! For more information, please contact c.higgins@rcaol.org.uk

Date:	Saturday 20 September	
Time:	11.00am	
Venue:	St Mary's Public Oratory, Prescot Road, Aughton, L39 6TA	
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RETREATS/SPIRITUALITY

- **SUPPORT FOR DIVORCED AND SEPARATED**

The Restored Lives course is run over six weeks, one evening per week. The talks cover the key issues to help you to move on and highlight the practical steps and tools to enable you to tackle the issues that arise from separation and divorce. For more information contact Maureen 07967 753471 or Jacqui Sellek 07938 25815.



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- **FCJ INTERNATIONAL READING GROUP (ONLINE), 16.00-17.00**

Join the FCJ's international reading group which looks at current thinking in the Christian churches, ecology, spirituality, theology etc. every Friday at **16.00**, UK Time.

From Friday 5 September the group will be reading ***The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage*** by Richard Rohr. Each weekly session is an hour long and begins with a 5-minute recap of the chapter followed by a 35-minute discussion then a short plenary. No need to attend every week just join when you can. If you haven't done this sort of reading with a group before, give it a go! To join please email fcjcentresthughes@gmail.com to receive the link.

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

- **EDUCATION SUNDAY**

As you will know, this forthcoming Sunday is Education Sunday. Established by the Bishops in 1848, Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in the liturgical calendar of England and Wales. It serves as an annual reminder to us all of the importance of education in the life and mission of the Catholic Church. Our Education Department has sent out the resource pack produced by the Catholic Education Service to our schools. This pack contains:

- Reflection points
- Liturgy
- Useful quotes about Catholic Education
- Bidding Prayers
- Social media guide

You can find this year's resource pack produced by the Catholic Education Sunday at [68751c74e7dc40d256f77657_FINAL Education Sunday 2025 guide.pdf](#)

- **PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING YOUNG ADULTS PRAYER GROUP**

Join our monthly gathering for prayer, friendship, and faith at St Michael and All Angels Church, Kirkby L32. All Portuguese-speaking young adults are welcome! For more information please contact: 07752 773037 Tiago and 07857 178601 Karine.

- **ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

The Archdiocesan Young Adult Group meet fortnightly at **Pauline Book Centre (84 Church Street, Liverpool L1 3AY)**. On **23 September**, a Young Adults Mass (on the theme of 'Care for Creation') will be celebrated at **18.30**, followed by social time with food and refreshment. Anyone aged 18-35 would be most welcome. For enquiries, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

- **FCJ: VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN, Friday 12 September – Sunday 14 September**

Curious about the vocation to religious life and would like to find out more? Join the FCJ Sisters for a vocation weekend. There will be input, time for prayer and reflection, experience of community life alongside the FCJ Sisters and plenty of opportunity to ask questions. The weekend is open to women 18-40 and will be held the FCJ Centre St Hugh's in Liverpool. For



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more information, please visit the FCJ website: <https://shorturl.at/4PKfl> or email FCJCentreStHughes@gmail.com.

• LECTIO FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Every Friday at 6pm at St Vincent de Paul's Church, L1 5JN, there is a "lectio" prayer group for young adults. There will be a Mass at 6pm, followed by a short time of sharing the Sunday readings at 6.30pm. It's a friendly group and sometimes they also organise trips and retreats. Follow this link to join my WhatsApp community: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/H7vBavJ4Jlm2spPNI9d2DT> If you want more information please contact James: djmoroney@cantab.net or 07546667394

- [Register here](#)
- [Event details](#)
- [Young people in the ecumenical movement](#)

IMPORTANT ARCHDIOCESAN DATES – SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 8 November	Adoremus 2025 – Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King
27th Oct to 9th Nov	Jubilee Icon Tour Liverpool
7th November 6:30pm	Justice & Peace Commission/CAFOD Jubilee of Hope Event



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