



ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



5th SUNDAY OF LENT – 6th 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

• **ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION TEAM**

We are pleased to announce that the Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Team has been formed. With the enthusiastic team of well-trained catechists, we are going to support and accompany the engaged couples from across the Archdiocese by providing marriage preparation courses. The upcoming course will be organised in June with more details to follow. Let us be the sign of hope for those who are responding to the vocation of marriage.

NEW UPDATES THIS WEEK

• **ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION – UPDATE**

The important vote for all MPs on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, is likely to take place on 25th April.

The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament and it only takes a few moments to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote> Right to Life is distributing postcards to parishes for the lay faithful to send to their MPs on this subject.

A range of further resources on opposing assisted suicide is available here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

• **'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.

RECRUITMENT

Two new exciting opportunities to join the Pastoral Development team

For more details, please go to our website [Careers - Join the team](#)

• **CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION COORDINATOR**

A new role which has been developed to initiate, deliver, coordinate and evaluate the work of the archdiocese relating to social justice and environmental issues.

• **YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR**

A role which has been developed to support the work of Area 5 of the Pastoral Plan.



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SACRAMENT – CATECHESIS - FORMATION

- **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	
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>

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 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 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



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Scapular and Holy Hour. The event will finish with benediction at **16:00**. For enquiry, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

- **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

- **IRENAEUS: COME & SEE, 'The Wonder of Being Human', Keynote Speaker: Timothy Radcliffe, Saturday 5 April, 10.00-16.00**

The Irenaeus Centre welcomes Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe to lead their next 'Come & See' day. He is an internationally reputed speaker and retreat-giver and is the author of several popular books. For more information contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk Tel: 0151 9491199

- **RETREAT DAY FOR RCIA CATECHUMENS, CANDIDATES AND CATECHISTS BOOKING FORM: Saturday 12 April 2025**

St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Sedgemoor Road, Norris Green, Liverpool, L11 3BW
<https://forms.office.com/e/72sZGdurw3>

- **IRENAEUS: THROUGH THE EYES OF THOSE FIRST FOLLOWERS OF JESUS: EASTER RETREAT, Wednesday 16 – Sunday 20 April 2025**

Led by Fr Chris Thomas and the Irenaeus team, following the Easter Triduum services, beginning with a Passover meal on the Wednesday. Limited residential places available. To book and for more information contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk Tel: 0151 9491199

- **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**

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



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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 **15 April**, and the theme will be 'Praying with the Eucharist'. For enquiry please contact m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

• WAY OF THE CROSS PROCESSION – Saturday 12 April

Jesus Youth Liverpool will be hosting a procession through Liverpool City Centre. It starts at **Blessed Sacrament Shrine in Liverpool City Centre (L1 1LE)** at **13:00**, concluding at the **Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King** with a blessing from Archbishop Malcolm McMahon. All are welcome. For more information, contact Teena on 07471189236 or Justin on 07823397458

• FCJ YOUNG ADULT NETWORK – UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Wednesday 23 – Sunday 27 April:** Lindisfarne Pilgrimage <https://bit.ly/FCJLindisfarne2025>
- **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!

Saturday 12 April	Retreat day for Catechumens
Wednesday 16 April	Chrism Mass at Metropolitan Cathedral 7.30pm
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 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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