



# ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

For the current week's readings and Saints please look at *The Liverpool Ordo*, Liturgy Office [www.liturgyoffice.org.uk](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk) and *Universalis* (Liverpool/IOM).

### GOOD NEWS

- **YOUNG ADULT MASS**

On **11 March**, Fr Derek Lloyd celebrated the Young Adult Mass with us at Pauline Book Centre. We all had a good reflection on the season of Lent in the Holy Communion. Following the Mass, pizza and refreshments are shared, allowing the young adults to chat with each other in an atmosphere of warmth and fellowship. For enquiry please contact [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)

- **LIVERPOOL CENTRAL DEANERY – READER'S FORMATION AND REFLECTION DAY**

On **Saturday 22 March**, 26 readers from across the deanery came together to celebrate the Ministry of Proclamation together at St Michael's. The group reflected upon the Bible, Proclamation, The New Lectionary, Preparation and Practicalities of Reading. One comment was: "Everything was spot on – very engaging and educational" and another: "A genuinely prayerful and authentic experience". For information about Reader's Training please contact [c.higgins@rcaol.uk](mailto:c.higgins@rcaol.uk)

### NEW UPDATES THIS WEEK

- **WAY OF THE CROSS PROCESSION**

**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 1.00pm, 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

### 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 2025**

Beginning on **Wednesday 12 March** until **Wednesday 2 July**, a series of catechist training course will be provided by the Archdiocese. The course will cover **3 modules over 14 weeks**, and it is for those who are considering being catechists or are existing catechists looking to refresh their knowledge.



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The first module, on Encountering Catechesis will explore key principles of Catechesis to build confidence. The second module, on Discipleship Catechesis will explore key elements of the Catholic Faith and how they can be explored through Catechesis. The third module will help identify key principles to develop a culture of ongoing catechesis, formation and discipleship.

First module: Encountering Catechesis		Second module: Discipleship Catechesis	Third module: Missionary Catechesis
<del>12 March</del>	9 April	7 May	4 June
<del>19 March</del>	23 April	14 May	11 June
<del>26 March</del>	30 April	21 May	18 June
2 April			25 June

**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 refer to the attached poster or contact Moses at [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto: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 10.00am from the church car park (WA9 3ZD) and will end with a short procession through the grounds at 11.50am. 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 noon 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](mailto:c.higgins@rcaol.org.uk)

- **VISITATION OF THE CENTENARY PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY AND THE RELICS OF SAINTS JACINTA AND FRANCISCO – Monday 2 June 2025**

The Statue and Relics will be visiting the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Monday 2 June 2025. On the day, there will be enthronement & crowning of the Statue, Holy Mass, act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, enrolment & investiture of the Brown Scapular, Fatima devotions, veneration of the Relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco, Fatima talk & film, recitation & mediation of the Holy Rosary Mysteries, etc. For enquiry, please contact the World Apostolate of Fatima at 07788 473210.

- **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 am on 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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## CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION

### RETREATS/SPIRITUALITY

- **RETREAT DAY FOR RCIA CATECHUMENS, CANDIDATES AND CATECHISTS BOOKING FORM:**  
<https://forms.office.com/e/72sZGdurw3>
- **IRENAEUS: COME AND SEE, 'The Wonder of Being Human', Saturday 5 April 2025, 10.30-16.00**  
Keynote speaker: Timothy Radcliffe. Suggested donation of £10. A packed lunch is advised. For more information email [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or call: 0151 949 1199.
- **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](mailto: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](mailto:catholicspiritualitynetwork@gmail.com) , [www.csnretreats.org.uk/conference.php](http://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](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or call: 0151 949 1199.

### 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](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)
- **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](mailto:fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com)



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- Monday 23 – Sunday 29 June: Urban Gardening & Ecology – London [info@fcjhouse-somerstown.co.uk](mailto: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!**

Monday 31 March	Animate Confirmation – Non-Catholic Schools
Saturday 12 April	Retreat day for Catechumens
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	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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<https://www.animateyouth.org/>

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