



ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT – 16th MARCH 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).

NEW UPDATES THIS WEEK

- **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.

- **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

SACRAMENT – CATECHESIS - FORMATION

- **CONFIRMATION 2025 (ANIMATE)**

If your child is in Year 8 and would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation, please register at liverpoolcalled.co.uk. **Registration is open from Monday 13 January to Monday 17 March 2025.** 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.**



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- **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.

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
12 March	9 April	4 June
19 March	23 April	11 June
26 March	30 April	18 June
2 April	7 May	25 June
	14 May	
	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 refer to the attached poster or contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

JUBILEE

- **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

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION

- **ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL ROMERO MASS**

This year's Mass for St Oscar Romero will be celebrated at **St Edmund of Canterbury** (62 Oxford Rd, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 8QF) on **Thursday 20 March at 19.00**. For more information, please contact the parish office on 01519282338 or email stoscarrromero@rcaol.org.uk. Please note, office hours are:

Monday & Tuesday – 9.00 to 15.00

Wednesday – 11.00 to 14.30

Saturday – 11.00 to 13.30



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RETREATS/SPIRITUALITY

- **RETREAT DAY FOR RCIA CATECHUMENS, CANDIDATES AND CATECHISTS BOOKING FORM:**
<https://forms.office.com/e/72sZGdurw3>
- **IRENAEUS: JOURNEY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS: SILENT RETREAT, Friday 7 – Sunday 9 March 2025**
Led by Sr Moria Meeghan at the Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD. Residential places are available. £95 Residential, Non-Residential with meals £70 and Non-Residential (self-catering) £30. To book and for more information contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk Tel: 0151 9491199
- **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 - £5 early bird discount until **14 March 2025**. 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
 - **Lenten Retreat: The Sacrament of Hope** – 6 sessions during Lent, to mark the 2025 Jubilee, to prayerfully reflect on our personal journey with God, Thursday 6 March, 19:30-20:30.
 - **The Happy Life of Virtue** – 7 sessions to discover the virtues of faith, hope, charity, prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance, keys to a holy and happy life, in communion with God, Friday 14 March, 21:00.
 - **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.

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS:

- **FCJ YOUNG ADULT NETWORK – UPCOMING EVENTS**
 - Sunday 23 – Sunday 30 March: FCJ Sisters in Malta
 - 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](#)



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IMPORTANT ARCHDIOCESAN DATES – SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesdays, from 12 March to Wednesday 2 July	Catechist Course 2025
Thursday 20 March	Archdiocese of Liverpool Romero Mass
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

GOOD NEWS

• RITE OF ELECTION

Last Sunday, 9 March, 148 adults were involved in the Rite of Election this year, either as Catechumens (receiving Baptism at Easter) or as Candidates (receiving Confirmation on being brought into full communion with the Catholic Church). It was wonderful to see them, their families and friends meeting the Archbishop in the Cathedral in this joyful occasion. The whole of the Archdiocese was represented. During this Jubilee Year this was a sign of great Hope of the Holy Spirit moving in our Church!

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Youth Ministry: Animate	https://www.animateyouth.org/

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