

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES SUNDAY 29 JUNE 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

- **REFLECTIONS FOR A NEW PASTORAL COUNCIL**

It was lovely to accompany the newly established Pastoral Council at St Joseph's Parish, Penketh. In a meaningful and inspiring meeting last week, we reflected upon the purpose of such a council which emphasized the core principles of: prayer, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and discernment. The council also thought about its make-up, considering its diverse composition of heads, hearts and minds. Such a reflective and prayerful approach fosters unity, spiritual growth, and effective decision-making within the parish community, setting a strong foundation for future initiatives rooted in faith and collaborative discernment.

- **MODULE 2 OF CATHOLIC PASTORAL LEADERSHIP COURSE COMPLETED**

The second module of the Catholic Pastoral Leadership offered by the Hope University is about to finish. There is a group of students coming from Liverpool Archdiocese who had completed the module focused on 'The Synodal Church'. They are now working very hard to finish their assessment. Let us pray for them being guided by the Holy Spirit into all the truth. For more information about the online course, please refer to the content of this bulletin.

- **MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS**

On Sunday 22 June, a special Mass for those who have recently joined the Catholic faith was celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon at the Cathedral. It was a joyous moment in the life of the Church, and we warmly welcome all the new Catholics into the fold. May the Holy Spirit guide you in the journey of faith with the baptismal grace.

- **LIVERPOOL METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL UPGRADED TO GRADE I LISTED STATUS**

We are delighted to announce that the Department for Culture, Media and Sport has awarded The Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King in Liverpool Grade I listed status, following advice from Historic England. The cathedral, previously Grade II* listed, is now nationally recognised as a building of the highest architectural and historical interest. For more information please visit [Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral upgraded to Grade I listed status | News](https://www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk/news/liverpool-metropolitan-cathedral-upgraded-to-grade-i-listed-status)



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SACRAMENT – CATECHESIS - FORMATION

- **FORMATION IN FCJ SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER (ONLINE), Wednesday 25 June 19.30 - 20.45**

A programme for **young adults** who already have some experience of FCJ Charism and Spirituality and would like to enter into it more deeply. There will be input, discussion and sharing on key themes. Hosted online on Wednesdays 11, 25 June and 9, 23 July from 19.30 - 20.45 at the FCJ Centre St Hugh's in Liverpool and the FCJ Young Adult Network. For more information about the programme or to have a conversation about whether this is for you, please email Sr Lynne FCJ at fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com.

- **SOCIETY OF SAINT GREGORY: SUMMER SCHOOL 2025, Wednesday 30 July to Saturday 2 August**

Renowned speaker David Wells will be delivering the keynote addresses at the Society of Saint Gregory Summer School 2025 which is returning to Liverpool Hope University under the theme Pilgrims of Hope. Alongside David's challenging and thought-provoking input, we will also be able to participate in a range of workshops

- **O Sing a New Song to the Lord: Psalms for the New Lectionary** – led by Martin Barry
- **Proclaiming the Word** – led by Mary Rouse.
- **The Beauty of Plainchant in the Parish Setting** – led by Dr Matthew Johnson.
- **The Volunteer Organist** – led by Stephen Maltby.
- **Presiding Who? Presiding What? Presiding How?** – led by Paul Moynihan.
- **Exploring the Liturgy Directory** – led by Jane Porter.

For more information including, a full breakdown of workshops and rates for members and non-members, please follow the link to the Society of Saint Gregory website: <https://ssg.org.uk/summer-school/> where you can book your place.

- **CATHOLIC PASTORAL LEADERSHIP COURSE – WITH LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY**

Are you involved in any ministry in the Church? Are you interested in doing more for the Church? Do you want to expand your skills in pastoral leadership? This online course in Catholic Pastoral Leadership might be what you are looking for.



Liverpool Hope University has collaborated with several Catholic dioceses across England and Wales to help people like you to gain fresh perspectives on Scripture and Church teaching. You will look at real-world issues in the light of our tradition and consider the best ways of exploring Christian faith and life with others. You will follow the course online and will do most of the work at a time to suit yourself – with occasional live zoom sessions. For more information visit: <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/departments/pastoral-development/catholic-pastoral-leadership>



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There are two ways you can take this course. All students will review the material presented online and do some assessed work to complete the course (total cost £1900). Or you can take this course as a postgraduate certificate (60 credits) at extra cost and with additional work (total cost £2400).

Funding may be available from Liverpool Archdiocese. To find out more, please email Moses Mui at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk Please sign up here [Zoom Information Session Link](#) for the Zoom information session, 7.00-8.30pm on 15 July if you would like more information.

- **FAITH: SUMMER SESSION - CHRIST OUR EUCHARIST: EARTH'S LIGHT AND JUBILEE**

A five-day Catholic Conference from **Monday 28 July to Friday 1 August** for young adults at Ampleforth Abbey, York. Prices: £225 (£200 students/unwaged). Subsidies are available. Please contact Angela Hughes at safeguarding@faith.org.uk. Book your place at www.faith.org.uk/events, deadline Monday 14 July 2025.


- **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. On **27 September**, the Day for Catechists will be organised from **10.00 – 16.00** at **Carmelite Monastery L18 3NU**. 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. If you're interested, sign up here [Day for Catechists Link](#) For more information, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

- **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE**

Are you planning to marry in a Catholic Church? Are you looking for some time out from the busy wedding planning, providing you and your partner with an opportunity to focus on your relationship and to learn more about each other?

The Liverpool Archdiocese is now offering a marriage preparation course for engaged couples. The course will involve four sessions, meeting in group with other couples. To be led by trained lay facilitators, the course will help the couples develop skills which could facilitate good communication within their relationship and an understanding of unconditional love set within a Catholic faith. The course will be available in **September/October**:

Date:	29 September, 6 October, 13 October, 20 October (all Mondays)	
Time:	6.30pm – 8.30pm	
Venue:	St Helen's Church, Alexandra Road, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 7TQ	

There is a fee of £50 per couple to help towards materials and other expenses. Please book online here at [Marriage Preparation Course Link](#)

For enquiries, please contact Moses Mui, Training Coordinator at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk



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- **FAITH IN THE FAMILY**

On **Saturday 5 July** and in support of our Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan – Becoming a Church that accompanies people through life – the Deanery Synodal Council for Sefton Coast North warmly invites you to **Holy Family Church Hall (1 Brompton Road, Southport, PR8 6AS)** from **10:00 – 13:00** for the following event which aims to explore ways to resource parishes to accompany parents as they bring up their children and hand on the faith to them. Facilitated by Archie Cameron & John Sullivan. For further enquiries and to sign up, please contact Chris at c.higgins@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 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

- **FURTHER DATES AND EVENTS FROM IRENAEUS:**

Irenaeus: The Adventure with the Spirit Summer Scripture Evenings	19:00-20:45, 2, 9, 16 July
Agape Mass	19:00, 3 July
Come and See Days at Irenaeus	10:30-16:00, 5 July

For more information contact Jenny at jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or 0151 9491199
www.irenaeus.co.uk

- **FCJ INTERNATIONAL READING GROUP (ONLINE), Friday 20 June, 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 4pm, UK Time. Since Friday 15 November the FCJs have been reading ***Come Have Breakfast* by Elizabeth Johnson**. Each weekly session is an hour long and begins with a 5-minute recap of the chapter or section. Followed by a 35-minute sharing and discussion of thoughts 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.

- **IRENAEUS: COME & SEE DAY, THE WONDER OF OUR CALL, Saturday 5 July 2025, 10.00-16.00**

The Irenaeus Centre welcomes its next speaker, Canon Chancellor, Rev Canon Dr Ellen Loudon who leads the Justice and Mercy work of the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral which serves the diverse City and Diocese of Liverpool. They pride themselves in excellence, equity



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and inclusion. Ellen will be sharing her very interesting story at the Irenaeus Centre (32 Great Georges Road, L22 1RD). Please bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation of £10. For further details contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 0151 949 1199.

- **LIGHT OF TRUTH: FANNING THE FLAME SUMMER CAMP, Monday 18 - Friday 22 August 2025**

Led by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and a team of volunteers, this year's summer camp is diving deep into the Mass. To understand more what is going on and why the Mass is the way it is.

Mass | Teaching | Crafts | Workshops | Sports | Q&As | Praise and worship
Talks | Dramas | Team activities | Adoration

This year we have space for about 70 young people (age 11-21) to come together. It doesn't matter where you are in your relationship with Christ, you are welcome to come and be drawn deeper! Ask questions, spend time with our Lord, receive the Sacraments, have a lot of silly fun, and be renewed in your life and faith!

Please note this year's camp is returning to Kintbury. We still camp, but fewer spaces are available, so please book ASAP to avoid disappointment.

<https://www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/summer-camp-2025>

- **LIGHT OF TRUTH: CHILDREN'S LITURGY TRAINING, Saturday 6 September, 9.00 to 12.00**

Online morning workshop for everyone involved in Children's Liturgy, looking at the principles and practical tools we can use to help children participate in the Liturgy of the Word at Mass.

<https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/childrens-liturgy-training>

- **LIGHT OF TRUTH: ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS (ONLINE WORKSHOP), Saturday 6 December, 9.00 to 12.00**

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>

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS:

- **FAMILY PICNIC (MORE DETAILS) – Saturday 28 June 2025**

All families are welcome to attend this Family Picnic on Saturday 28 June (**11am-3pm**) at **St Anne Church**, Prescot Rd, Ormskirk, L39 4TG. We especially wish to invite those families with children who are being baptised, making their holy communions or confirmations. Mass will be celebrated at **12pm**. Families are encouraged to bring their own food. There will be games for younger children, children's liturgy, Animate Youth activities for teenagers and reflection time for adults. If you are interested,



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please sign up here [Family Picnic Link](#) or using the QR code and for more information please contact Ian at i.parrott@rcaol.org.uk

Family Picnic Timetable

11:00 Meet at St Annes
11:15 First workshop (pick one of 4)
11:45 Break
12:00 Mass
13:00 Lunch
13:45 Second workshop (pick one of 4)
14:15 Refreshments and games
15:00 Finish

Workshops:

1. Pray as You Go with PD team (18+)
2. Godly play storytelling with a difference (all)
3. Little church (5-11)
4. Animate workshop (12+)

● **ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

The Archdiocesan Young Adult Group meet fortnightly at **Pauline Book Centre (84 Church Street, Liverpool L1 3AY)**. On 24 June, a Young Adult Mass will be celebrated at **18.30**, followed by food and refreshment. Anyone aged 18-35 would be most welcome. For enquiries, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

● **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/FvRR2Q6sIDK83W4KgBIJqU> If you want more information please contact James: djmoroney@cantab.net or 07394 503 911

● **FCJ YOUNG ADULT NETWORK – UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

More information from [Young Adults - Faithful Companions of Jesus](#)

IMPORTANT ARCHDIOCESAN DATES – SAVE THE DATE!

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
Saturday 27 September	Day for Catechists – Formation and Reflection



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The Irenaeus Project	www.irenaeus.co.uk/
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Youth Ministry: Animate	www.animateyouth.org/
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