

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, SUNDAY 22 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

• MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE LAUNCHED

We are delighted to have 11 engaged couples gathered at the Christ the King church for the marriage preparation course on 16 June. They had a good time not only to understand the Catholic teaching on marriage but also to reflect on their own expectation towards marriage life. It is vital for the couples to take time out from the busyness of wedding planning to focus on their relationship. Congratulations on their wedding and may their marriage journey be filled with grace from God. The marriage preparation course is led by trained lay facilitators. The next course will be run in September. For details, please refer to the content of this bulletin.

• TAIZÉ AT PAULINE

This week's Young Adult Group at the Pauline bookstore was themed 'Praying with Music'. The event was a great success thanks to our guest, Lizzie, who provided beautiful musical accompaniment! Lizzie introduced our members to meditative worship using a set of Taizé songs to help us to enter into prayer and guide our focus. In light of such a fruitful worship session, we look forward to exploring the possibility of expanding our musical repertoire and seeing where our creativity with music can take us in future sessions!

• GOOD SHEPHERD SERVICE

This week, our friends at Nugent celebrated their Good Shepherd Masses at the Metropolitan Cathedral and at St Mary's, Leyland. Volunteers from the archdiocese at the Metropolitan service have noted the success of the event which saw 1600 schoolchildren arrive to celebrate one of the longest running annual charity appeals in the UK. Highlights of the event included the fantastic music provided by the school choirs, and 'Kev the Sheep' who provided us with great entertainment!

NEW UPDATES THIS WEEK

• CERTIFICATE IN CATHOLIC PASTORAL LEADERSHIP – 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.



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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>

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 There will be a **Zoom information session, 7.00-8.30pm on 15 July** if you would like more information.

- **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 the summer school programme, 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.

- **SUMMER CELEBRATION AT IRENAEUS, Saturday 21 June**

Holy Mass celebrated at 5pm. Followed by a BBQ and garden party celebrating the Feast of St Irenaeus at the Irenaeus Centre, Great Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD. All are welcome.

SACRAMENT – CATECHESIS - FORMATION

- **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.



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- **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

- **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



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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:**

Agape Mass	19:00, 3 July
Come and See Days at Irenaeus	10:30-16:00, 5 July
Journey into Silence – Introduction to meditation	10:00 to 15:00, 14 June
Summer Celebration & BBQ	17:00, 21 June

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

- **LIGHT OF TRUTH: FANNING THE FLAME SUMMER CAMP, Monday 18 to 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.



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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, 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:

Pray as You Go with PD team (18+)
Godly play storytelling with a difference (all)
Little church (5-11)
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



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• **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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