



# ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 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

- **Welcome to Archbishop Elect John Sherrington**

We offer a warm welcome to Archbishop Elect Sherrington and ask God to help him in his new mission in Liverpool Archdiocese. "In this Jubilee Year, we are a people living the hope of Christ who has loved us, saved us and walks with us." (Archbishop Elect Sherrington). We keep him in our prayers and wish him all the best in his ministry.

For more information on his appointment, please visit:

<https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news/pope-francis-appoints-bishop-john-sherrington-as-new-archbishop-of-liverpool>

- **Catechist Course – Module One Completed**

The first module of our General Catechist Course was completed on **1 April**. The aim of the module was to invite participants to encounter catechesis by exploring some key principles, such as the importance of Kerygmatic Catechesis and the roles of Catechist. We have also talked about the practicalities in delivering a catechetical session with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. **Congratulations** to those participants who have completed the module. The next two modules ('Discipleship Catechesis' and 'Missionary Catechesis') will begin on **9 April and 4 June** respectively.

### NEW UPDATES THIS WEEK

- **RCIA RETREAT DAY: Saturday 12 April 2025**

Catechumens, Candidates, and Catechists involved in the RCIA journey are warmly invited to a special retreat day as we approach Easter. This is a wonderful opportunity to pause and reflect on your path towards joining the Catholic Church and spiritually prepare for the upcoming Sacraments of Initiation. Guided by Sister Lynne Baron and the Sisters of the Faithful Companions of Jesus, we will spend time together in prayer, reflection, and celebration.

**09:45 to 15:00 at St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Sedgemoor Road, Norris Green, Liverpool, L11 3BW**

Please sign up via this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/72sZGdurw3>

Come share this meaningful experience as you prepare for the next steps in your faith journey.



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- **'RESPONSE OF THE FAITHFUL ON RACIAL JUSTICE – Saturday 12 April 2025**

The Response of the faithful to the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter and Video on Racial Justice  
A half day conference at **St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Liverpool, L17 1AA, 9:30 Saturday the 12th of April** to explore and deepen our response to the Archbishop's recent Racial Justice pastoral letter and video. The conference will provide an opportunity to look more deeply at the implications of the pastoral letter and video and to explore ways in which we can promote racial justice in our Archdiocese.

Bookings and Enquiries to: Catholic Association for Racial Justice at [bschmack@aol.com](mailto:bschmack@aol.com) or Tel: 07742 578 079

- **FAMILY PICNIC – Saturday 28 JUNE 2025**

St Annes, Prescot Rd, Ormskirk, L39 4TG, time to be confirmed. If you are interested, please sign up here <https://forms.office.com/e/jBYLYUyBtt> and for more information please contact Ian at [i.parrott@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:i.parrott@rcaol.org.uk)

- **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. Even if you've already contacted them, you can try again. 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/>

## RECRUITMENT

### **A new exciting opportunity to join the Pastoral Development team**

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

- **YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR**

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

## 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.**



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- **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](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 **10:00** 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](mailto: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 Scapular and Holy Hour. The event will finish with benediction at **16:00**. For enquiry, please contact Moses at [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)



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- **'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.

- **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: 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.



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- **IRENAEUS: GLIMPSES OF RESURRECTION: 30 April, 7, 14 & 21 May**

An exploration of the Resurrection stories. Chris Thomas will share on the resurrection stories in the Gospels and how it challenges us today, followed by Mass, at the **Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD. 10:30-12:00 noon**

- **IRENAEUS: DEMENTIA AWARENESS: 19 May**

An exploration of the Resurrection stories, followed by Mass, at the **Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD. 14:00 – 15:00** This session, led by Sr. Moira on behalf of the Alzheimer's Society, will focus on raising awareness of dementia. We will discuss ways to recognize and support individuals living with dementia

### 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 **29 April**, and the theme will be 'Praying with St Carlo Acutis'. 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)
- **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!

<b>Wednesday 16 April</b>	Chrism Mass at Metropolitan Cathedral 7.30pm
<b>Saturday 26 April</b>	Catholic Spirituality Network Conference 2025
<b>Thursday 1 May and Thursday 15 May</b>	Animate Confirmation – Catholic Schools
<b>Saturday 17 May</b>	Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Walk and Mass – St Anne & Blessed Dominic, St Helen's
<b>Monday 2 June</b>	Visit of Fatima Statue and Relics at the Cathedral
<b>Sunday 8 June</b>	'Pilgrims of Hope' Pentecost Walk - Cathedrals
<b>Sunday 22 June</b>	The Mass for new Catholics
<b>Sunday 24 August</b>	Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Walk and Mass – St Oswald & St Edmund Arrowsmith, Ashton
<b>Saturday 20 September</b>	Care for Creation Walk and Mass – St Mary's, Aughton



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