For Your Newsletter 29/09/26

What's new:

Archbishop's Certificate – Starting Monday 14 October (Poster attached)

The Archbishop's Certificate in Catechesis is the principal training course in the Archdiocese of Liverpool whose aim is to equip and support catechists and lay leaders in evangelisation and formation.

Applications are open for this year. For more information, or to apply, please visit: aec.rcaos.org.uk/liverpool

Youth Sunday Celebration – Sunday 22 November

Come and join us for our Youth Sunday Celebration at LACE! The fabulous 'One Hope Project' are hosting the day, and there will be guest speakers on the theme of TAKE COURAGE, I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD. The workshops will be on Courage to Listen, Courage to Pray, and Courage to Act.

The day will start at 10am and finish with Mass together with Archbishop John Sherrington at 5pm. There will be a marketplace of information and groups to get involved with.

Please bring a packed lunch.

The day is free and open to all young people in Secondary school, but they must apply for tickets and attend with a chaplain, teacher, or youth leader/ catechist.

The ratio is 1 adult to 8 young people aged 11 or 12; and 1 adult to 10 young people aged 13+. (Parents must give young people permission to attend and give leaders permission to share young person's information with the archdiocese.)

We look forward to seeing you there!

Advent Retreat for Young Adults - Saturday 28 November 10AM – 4PM (Poster attached)

Led by Fr Derek Lloyd, we will organise the Advent Retreat for Young Adults on Saturday 28th November at St Basil's Church, Widnes, WA8 4SZ. The Retreat Day will

start at 10am and aim to finish at 4pm. The event is free of charge, but please bring your packed lunch. For further information please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

Previously Included:

St Francis: Celebrating 800 years – Sunday 4 October, 6pm

Pilkington Choir will be performing a special concert, followed by tea and coffee and a raffle, to mark the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi. The event will be held at St Francis of Assisi, Garston, L19 1RT, and all are welcome to attend. Tickets cost £5 and can be bought from Fr David Potter, or from Anne (01744 732504), or bought with cash at the door.

ADOREMUS – Saturday 10 October 9am – 6pm at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral [Poster attached]

Join us on the 10th of October for this year's Adoremus. The theme this year is "How we are Eucharist". Come and join us to adore the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The event itself is free and available to all. At the Metropolitan Cathedral, there will be Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day, Holy Mass, opportunities for confession, a variety of workshops and a shared time of prayer during the day for all. Celebrated with Archbishop John Sherrington, this is an event not to be missed! Sign up for workshops here: archdioceseofliverpool.org/adoremus2026

Be Women of Courage: Women's Weekend at Irenaeus – 16-18 October [Poster attached]

Join us for a women's weekend of sharing and exploring the call of God in our lives. For more info, contact centreirenaeus@gmail.com

Speakeasy Music Group 50th Anniversary Celebration – 24 October

Speakeasy Music Group will be celebrating its 50th anniversary at St William of York Church.

Mass will be celebrated at 6pm, followed by music and refreshments in the parish club. We would love to welcome any past members or friends of Speakeasy so that we can catch up and reminisce about the many memories we share.

For further information, please contact Helen McCall (formerly Exton/Cain) at helen.speakeasy@hotmail.com or 07778 746600.

Guild of St Stephen Pilgrimage to Lourdes - 25–31 October 2026

The Liverpool Archdiocesan Council of the Guild of St Stephen is organising a pilgrimage to Lourdes, open to adults aged 18–70. Prices start from £600 per person; contact the Guild for full details and booking information.

For more information, please contact Rose Curry on 07932 729896.

Marriage Preparation Course – Monday 26 October, 2 November, 9 November, 16 November

Led by trained lay facilitators, the 4-session marriage preparation course for engaged couples will help you develop skills to facilitate good communication within your relationship and an understanding of sacramental marriage within Catholic faith.

The next course will be available on Monday 26 October, 2 November, 9 November and 16 November, at St Anne's Church, Prescot Road, Ormskirk, L39 4TG. There is a cost of £50 per couple to help towards materials and other expenses. If you are interested in joining, please book online here forms.cloud.microsoft/e/cMQ1fpza3G?origin=lprLink

For more information about upcoming courses for this year, please see the archdiocesan website tinyurl.com/mr6p8vne

Irenaeus Scripture Mornings: A look at the Parables – Wednesdays 4, 11, 18 & 25 November

10:30am – 12 noon at the Irenaeus Centre, Waterloo, L22 1RD

Weekend Retreat for Portuguese speaking Young Adults – 13-15 November

The Portuguese-Speaking Young Adults Group from Liverpool invites all Portuguese-speaking young adults (up to 28 years old) to a weekend at St Joseph Prayer House, Formby, Liverpool, L37 1PH. The retreat will be conducted in Portuguese language and will feature a special programme led by Fr Adriano Zandoná. For more information or to reserve your place, please get in touch via Instagram @jovens.catolicos.em.liverpool or by email at retirogrupodejovensliverpool@gmail.com

A Flower Festival to celebrate the Cathedral's 60th Diamond Jubilee 2027 - Thursday 14 - Monday 17 May 2027

Experienced floral arrangers are needed for next year's event to celebrate the Metropolitan Cathedral's Diamond Jubilee. The theme will be 'Hope' in all its different forms. If interested, please contact Claire Hanlon at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk for further details.

National events

FLAME

We are arranging for tickets and coaches to go to Wembley for FLAME - where 10,000 young Catholics come together for praise, worship and talks. You can find out more here: cymfed.org.uk/flame

If you are interested in bringing a group of young people, please contact Sarah McGeehan (Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator) for more information on s.mcgeehan@rcaol.org.uk or 07415099048

National Adoremus 2026 – Saturday 10 October

The Adoremus National Eucharistic Congress takes place in London on Saturday 10 October 2026.

The day will include Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, a Eucharistic Procession to Westminster Cathedral, a keynote address by Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP (which will be streamed to our own Adoremus taking place in the Metropolitan Cathedral on the same day), and Solemn Benediction.

Parishes across England and Wales are encouraged to mark the day locally through Mass, Eucharistic Processions or Holy Hours, joining with the national celebration in prayer. Footage from the London events will also be available for remote participation.