For Your Newsletter 03/11/26

What's new:

Come and See: Reflecting on the Church in our Times – Saturday 7 November, 10:30am – 4pm [Poster attached]

The Irenaeus Centre is hosting a Come and See session on The Church in Our Times. Keynote speaker: Fr Eamonn Mulcahy CSSP. For more info, please email: centre@irenaeus@gmail.com or call 0151 949 1199

Requiem Mass for the Faithful Departed – Saturday 7 November, 6pm

St Francis de Sales Church, Walton, will be hosting a Requiem Mass for the Faithful Departed, featuring Tomas Luis de Victoria's Requiem sung by the Elm Consort. All are very welcome.

Archdiocesan Young Adult Group Meeting – 10 November, 6.30pm

Anyone aged 18-35 is welcome to join the Archdiocesan Young Adult Group, meeting fortnightly at the Pauline Book Centre (L1 3AY). Julia Buckingham, Ark Community Life Coordinator from L'Arche Liverpool, is going to talk about their mission for the community of people with intellectual disabilities. For enquiries, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk.

South Sefton Deanery Woman's Faith and Friendship Meeting – 19 November, 7:00pm

The latest meeting of the South Sefton Deanery Woman's Faith and Friendship group. Come along and share prayer, friendship, and a short talk on a saint whose feast we have celebrated this month.

St Helen, Crosby, Alexandra Road, L23 7TG

Evening Prayer and Cantata - Liverpool Bach Collective (Cantata 36) – 29 November, 6:30pm

Liverpool Bach Collective will be performing this Cantata to mark the First Sunday of Advent. It is called "Soar joyfully towards the exalted stars". All are welcome. It is free to attend, with a retiring collection.

Christ the King, Wavertree, Queens Drive, L15 6YQ

Come and See: Reflecting on the Church in our Times – Saturday 5 December, 10:30am – 4pm [Poster attached]

The Irenaeus Centre is hosting a Come and See session on The Church in Our Times. Keynote speaker: Austen Ivereigh. For more info, please email: centre@irenaeus@gmail.com or call 0151 949 1199

Liverpool Archdiocesan Online Alpha Course – Beginning 13 January 2027

We are offering an online Alpha course, starting on Wednesday 13 January and running every Wednesday 18 March. The sessions are at 6.45pm. There will also be a retreat day on Saturday 6 February. Register your interest here: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/x7JQPgkedn or email pd@rcaol.org.uk for more information.

Previously Included:

Nugent Christmas Toy Appeal [Poster attached]

Nugent's Christmas Toy Appeal is back! We are welcoming donations of new, unopened toys and gifts for primary ages (4-11) and secondary aged (11-16) children, suitable for both girls and boys. *If you would like to donate, you can drop toys off at the St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA* during November.

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

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

Fatima Pilgrimage September 2027 Information Evening – Monday 9 November

Over 11-14 September 2027, we will be making a pilgrimage to Fatima as an archdiocese. This is open to everybody, regardless of age or parish.

The pilgrimage package includes return flights, airport and local transfers, a guided visit, and the services of a McCabe tour manager. The cost is £1,090 per person based on two people sharing a twin room, with a single room supplement of £200. For further information and booking details, visit tinyurl.com/bdhc833n.

We will be hosting an online open evening about the pilgrimage on 9 November. If you would like to find out more information, sign up here: archdioceseofliverpool.org/fatimainfoevening

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

Discerning in a Digital Age Workshops – FCJ – Wednesdays 18, 25 November, 2 December, 7:30pm – 8:30pm

A new series of workshops considering the pressures on us as we try to be attentive to God's Spirit among all the things that clamour for our attention. Join us as we look at the challenges of discerning in an age of noise.
Sign up: https://forms.gle/Bt21usn13c8tQbk17

Youth Sunday Celebration – Sunday 22 November [Poster attached]

Join us at LACE for our Youth Sunday Celebration, hosted by the fabulous One Hope Project, with guest speakers exploring the theme "Take Courage, I Have Overcome the World." Workshops will focus on the Courage to Listen, Pray and Act.

The day runs from 10am, concluding with Mass with Archbishop John Sherrington at 5pm. There will also be a marketplace showcasing groups and opportunities to get involved with. The event is free and open to all secondary school young people. Please bring a packed lunch.

Young people must book a ticket and attend with a chaplain, teacher, youth leader or catechist. Appropriate adult-to-young-person ratios apply, and parental consent is required.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Are you interested in becoming a Deacon? Info Evening - Tuesday 24 November 7pm

The deacon embodies the spirit of service and compassion in the Church, a man who is dedicated and humble, uniquely ordained to help both the spiritual needs and the practical needs of a community. Candidates for the diaconate are typically mature men between the ages of 30 and 65. If they are married, they must be in a stable sacramental marriage.

The journey to discern if you have a calling to the diaconate involves asking yourself whether you have a genuine desire to serve God and His Church in this capacity.

We invite you to attend our enquirers' event at St Oswald and St Edmund Arrowsmith Canon's Hall, Liverpool Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield, to learn more about the role of deacons, their ministry in parish life, and to support your prayerful discernment.

Nugent's Light up a Life services

Join Nugent's Christmas remembrance services across the archdiocese and dedicate a star to a loved one.

Wednesday 25 November, 6pm – St Mary's Church, Leyland. Led by Fr Joe Bibby, followed by refreshments.

Thursday 3 December, 12 noon – Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool. Led by Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Tom Williams, followed by refreshments.

For more details or to dedicate a star to a loved one, please scan the QR code or visit: wearenugent.org/events

Eucharistic Minister Training – Saturday 28 November 9:15am-4pm

The Irenaeus Centre (L22 1RD)

This course explores our baptismal calling, Vatican II's teaching on ministry and the role of the Eucharistic minister, while reflecting on our place in the Church's synodal life.

Parishes are encouraged to enable Communion to be received under both kinds and this is an ideal opportunity to involve new ministers.

The cost is £15 per attendee. Places must be booked and paid for in advance.

Marys Meals – Christmas Wreath Making Workshops – Saturday 28 November [Poster attached]

Our Lady Help of Christians, St Helens, are hosting a festive wreath-making workshop in their church hall to help raise money for Mary's Meals, bringing hope and daily meals to children around the world.

There are two sessions available on the day: 10am-12pm or 2pm-4pm

The session, which includes tutor, all necessary material, and refreshments, costs £35 per person. Please bring your own scissors, secateurs, and/or apron if you wish. Tickets can be purchased by scanning the QR code or by calling 0800 698 1212.

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 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

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