

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 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

We are fully booked for the Marriage Preparation Course in September/October. We can't wait to walk through the journey accompanying those engaged couples in their marriage preparation. The next course will be offered in 2026. More information will be available soon. For enquiries, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk.

SACRAMENT – CATECHESIS - FORMATION

• 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 **9.30-16.00** at **St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA**. 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. This event is free of charge, but please bring your packed lunch. If you're interested, sign up here: [Day for Catechists Link](#). For more information, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

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

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>

• BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT, Friday 12 September 10.00-15.00

The Irenaeus Centre is exploring the ways in which we can support people in a time of grief, consider the stages of grief and what might help people. Hosted at the Irenaeus Centre, Great Georges Rd. Waterloo L22 1RD. Book a place with Jenny Tel: 0151 949 1199 or jenny@irenaeus.co.uk. Donation £10. Bring a Packed Lunch.



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- **THE COUNCIL OF NICAIA 1700th ANNIVERSARY: HONEST DISAGREEMENT IN LOVE NICAIA THEN AND NOW, Friday 12 – Sunday 14 September 2025, Blackburn Cathedral**

In partnership with Churches Together, Blackburn Cathedral is honoured to host an Ecumenical conference to celebrate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea.

Bringing together theologians, ecumenical leaders and local participants, the conference will explore how the principles of honest respectful disagreement and loving engagement can help address the challenges we face - with both passion and compassion - and reflect on the enduring legacy of Nicaea. Engaging in meaningful conversations about unity and how faith communities can respond to conflict in the world today.

Please note Blackburn Cathedral has no onsite parking however there are several public car parks close by with a bus interchange and railway station two minutes away. The Cathedral is fully accessible and wheelchair friendly. There is level access into and around the building.

Contact No.	01254 277430
Email:	info@blackburncathedral.com
Address:	Blackburn Cathedral, Cathedral Close, Blackburn, BB1 5AA
Website:	blackburncathedral.com/nicaea

- **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAYS**

The Irenaeus Centre will be leading Eucharistic ministry training days at on **25 October 2025 & 14 March 2026**. Parishes are invited to book places by emailing jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

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

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>

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION

- **JUBILEE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, Saturday 20 September**

Come together for a celebration of change, equality, and unity at the **Jubilee for Social Justice at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral**.

Holy Mass with Archbishop Emeritus Malcolm McMahon, impactful discussions, and inspiring speakers from within Catholic social action. An opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals and communities, coming together to celebrate God's vision for a more just society. Save the date and be part of this empowering experience.




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Date:	Saturday 20 September 2025	
Time:	Holy Mass 12:00 to 13:00, Lunch, Reflections, Exhibition 13:00 to 15:30	
Venue:	Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, Mount Pleasant Liverpool L3 5TQ	
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jubilee-for-social-justice-tickets-1374429849679		

Charities and organisations are welcome to host a stall after Holy Mass. For more information, please email Berna at bernadette.durcan@csan.org.uk.

- **DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY, 28 September**

Through the Roof have asked to share information about Disability Awareness Sunday – **28 September**. A short video of disabled Christian author Emily Owen can be played in churches, and Emily has also written the materials for use in services on the theme of 'Made in the image of God'. All the resources are free and include suggested hymns and songs, prayers, etc, as well as Emily's video and ideas for the talk. Here's the link to request the pack: [Disability Awareness Sunday - Through the Roof](#)

JUBILEE

- **CELEBRATION ON CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS & BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI**

To mark the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati by Pope Leo XIV on 7 September. A solemn evening prayer, benediction and veneration of the relics presided over by Bishop Tom Neylon will take place at **St Stephen's Church, Orford, Warrington, WA2 9HS** at **15.00** on **Sunday 7 September**. All are welcome to join. For more information <https://www.st-stephens-warrington.co.uk/>

- **FCJ: WHY HOPE? SEASON OF CREATION, Wednesday 17 September, 19.30-20.30 (ONLINE)**

Continue the journey through this Jubilee Year as the FCJ Sisters celebrate the Season of Creation. Our hope: Creation will find peace when justice is restored. There is still hope and the expectation for a peaceful Earth. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but to act, pray, change, and reconcile with Creation and the Creator in unity, repentance, and solidarity. This is an ONLINE event. There will be input and an opportunity for prayer together. This event is offered in collaboration by FCJ Centre St Hugh's in Liverpool and FCJ Spirituality Centre in London. It will also be offered in person in London and Liverpool – for more information, please contact the FCJ Centres for dates and visit the FCJ website: <https://shorturl.at/Ulpoc> to sign up.

- **ARCHDIOCESAN CARE FOR CREATION WALK AND MASS, Saturday 20 September**


Starting at 11am at St Mary's Public Oratory, Aughton (Prescot Road, Aughton, L39 6TA) the 3.5-mile circular route will include 3 prayer stops and will conclude with a celebration of Mass at 1:30pm. We hope to see you there! For more information, please contact c.higgins@rcaol.org.uk



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Date:	Saturday 20 September	
Time:	11.00am	
Venue:	St Mary's Public Oratory, Prescot Road, Aughton, L39 6TA	
https://forms.office.com/e/NFy5BuMfke?origin=lpLink		

RETREATS/SPIRITUALITY

• **SUPPORT FOR DIVORCED AND SEPARATED**

The Restored Lives course is run over six weeks, one evening per week. The talks cover the key issues to help you to move on and highlight the practical steps and tools to enable you to tackle the issues that arise from separation and divorce. For more information contact Maureen 07967 753471 or Jacqui Sellek 07938 25815.

• **FCJ INTERNATIONAL READING GROUP (ONLINE), 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 **16.00**, UK Time.

From Friday 5 September the group will be reading ***The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage*** by Richard Rohr. Each weekly session is an hour long and begins with a 5-minute recap of the chapter followed by a 35-minute discussion 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 fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com to receive the link.

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

• **PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING YOUNG ADULTS PRAYER GROUP**

Join our monthly gathering for prayer, friendship, and faith at St Michael and All Angels Church, Kirkby L32. All Portuguese-speaking young adults are welcome! For more information please contact: 07752 773037 Tiago and 07857 178601 Karine.

• **FCJ: VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN, Friday 12 September – Sunday 14 September**

Curious about the vocation to religious life and would like to find out more? Join the FCJ Sisters for a vocation weekend. There will be input, time for prayer and reflection, experience of community life alongside the FCJ Sisters and plenty of opportunity to ask questions. The weekend is open to women 18-40 and will be held the FCJ Centre St Hugh's in Liverpool. For more information, please visit the FCJ website: <https://shorturl.at/4PKfI> or email FCJCentreStHughs@gmail.com.

• **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:



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<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FvRR2Q6sIDK83W4KgBIJqU> If you want more information please contact James: djmoroney@cantab.net or 07394 503 911

- [Register here](#)
- [Event details](#)
- [Young people in the ecumenical movement](#)

IMPORTANT ARCHDIOCESAN DATES – SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday 8 October	Delve into the Bible Workshop – with Dr Dorothy Jonaitis
Saturday 8 November	Adoremus 2025 – Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King

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