

# ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



## 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2025, SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 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

- **CSAN JUBILEE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY AT THE METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL**

On Saturday 20 September, our friends at Caritas CSAN hosted a Jubilee Day at the Metropolitan Cathedral to celebrate the work of social justice across England and Wales. It was a wonderful event showcasing the incredible work of our dedicated volunteers and charities involved in Catholic social action. Thank you to our volunteers, stallholders, and all those who came to join in the celebrations with us.

### SEASON OF CREATION

- **MASS FOR THE CARE OF CREATION RESOURCES**

As you may already be aware, Archbishop John Sherrington is encouraging parishes across the Archdiocese to celebrate **the Mass for the Care of Creation** (a formulary of the Mass which has been approved for use in England and Wales from 1 September- 4 October 2025) during this Season of Creation.

As many of our parishes and environmental action groups are putting together activities and liturgies for this season, you might be interested to see the Archdiocese's **liturgy planning pack for schools and parishes**, detailing some FAQs and considerations for planning the Mass for the Care of Creation, and signposting to some brilliant resources developed by CAFOD and the Laudato Si' Centre, Salford.

Access the resource pack via this link: [https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/628e11d969d2a1dbd1bd224e/68b70e552b236d8143fd3578\\_Care%20for%20Creation%20Liturgy%20Resource%20Pack.docx](https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/628e11d969d2a1dbd1bd224e/68b70e552b236d8143fd3578_Care%20for%20Creation%20Liturgy%20Resource%20Pack.docx)

- **TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF LAUDATO SI' ENCYCLICAL**

On **2 - 3 October**, Pope Leo XIV will lead a global event to mark the tenth anniversary of the Laudato Si' encyclical together with a host of high-level leaders from the realms of civil society, science, and policy. This is anticipated to be Pope Leo XIV's first major statement on climate change and environmental protection. Speakers will reflect on the **impact of Laudato Si'** and the **most effective actions we can take now**.



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This event can be livestreamed via the Laudato Si' Movement:

<https://raisinghope.earth/register-for-the-livestream-to-celebrate-the-past-and-look-ahead-to-the-future/>

## **SACRAMENT - CATECHESIS - FORMATION**

### **• RE-IMAGINING PASTORAL COUNCILS WEBINAR SERIES**

In our crazy changing world, it's more important than ever that our parishes can respond to people's needs and share the Gospel in our local communities. Pastoral Councils, rooted in prayer and driven by mission, can be places of discernment and real creativity – but sometimes they're not quite right. Join us for a series of webinars to explore everything to do with pastoral councils from purpose to membership, and from resolving conflict to letting the Spirit lead.

Would you like to explore a new approach for your Parish Council?

Would you like to set up a Parish Council for the first time?

Would you like support in ensuring your current Parish Council is fruitful, spiritual, and life-giving?

This is a joint project between the RC Archdiocese of Liverpool and the Dioceses of Hexham & Newcastle and Northampton.

Webinars are **Tuesday evenings** from **19:00-20:00 (UK time)**.

Registration is free. The registration link is <https://buytickets.at/northamptondiocese/1861328>  
A one-time registration for all webinars. A link will be sent on the day to each person.

### **• INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION – MASTERCLASS WEBINAR SERIES (Online), Tuesday 7 October, 19:30**

Archdiocese of Southwark are hosting a masterclass webinar on the topic of infant baptism preparation to help you shape your baptism preparation to meet the needs and opportunities of your area. With **Dr. Petroc Willey**, **Dr. William J. Keimig**, and **Jacqueline and Michael van Hemert**. £5 registration fee.

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| Infant Baptism Preparation – Masterclass Webinar Series                                                                                                     |  |
| <a href="https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/masterclass-infant-baptism-preparation">https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/masterclass-infant-baptism-preparation</a> |                                                                                       |



### **• DAY FOR CATECHISTS – FORMATION & REFLECTION, Saturday 27 September, 9:30-16:00**

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. With the facilitation of Sr Carino and Sr Hyacinthe from the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, there will be spiritual input and practical discussion on the mission of catechesis. This event will be held at Saint Margaret Clitherow Centre (L17 1AA) and is free of charge, but please bring your packed lunch. For more information, please contact Moses at [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)



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- **FAITH CREATIVELY, Monday 6 October, 11:00-15:00**

Held at the Saint Margaret Clitherow Centre (L17 1AA) and hosted by Churches Together in the Merseyside Region, this training day for Church Leaders, Volunteers & Faith Communicators is designed to inspire and equip anyone involved in sharing faith within their community. The day will **focus** on:

- storytelling with impact
- using social media effectively
- creating engaging videos on your phone

Come and explore creative ways to share the message of faith in today's digital world.

Communicating Faith Creatively

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/urc-mersey-synod/communicating-faith-creatively/2025-10-06/11:00/t-gangdxv>



- **DELVE INTO THE BIBLE WORKSHOP, Wednesday 8 October, 18:30-21:00**

With the facilitation of **Dr Dorothy Jonaitis** from Loyola University Chicago, we will discover the reality of biblical authorship and how it is affected by different audiences, and learn how the timeframe and geography affect scripture writing. Join us for refreshment at 18:00, for the official start at **18:30 (until 21:00) on Wednesday 8 October 2025 at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA**. If you're interested, please sign up online. For further information please contact Moses at [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)

Delve Into The Bible Workshop

<https://forms.office.com/e/GfiGLZEw1N?origin=lprLink>



- **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](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)

- **SCRIPTURE MORNINGS: Their/our journey - a look at the Old Testament led by Chris Thomas**

The Irenaeus Centre will be holding several scripture mornings looking at the journey of the Old Testament on **Wednesday 24 September, Wednesday 1 October** and **Wednesday 8 October (10:30-12:00)**. Further information and Zoom links available at [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)

- **COME AND SEE DAY: Lord Teach Us To Pray – Fr David O'Malley, Saturday 4 October, 10:00-16:00**



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The Irenaeus Centre are pleased to announce the first come and see day of the 2025/26 series led by Fr David O'Malley. A Salesian priest who has worked with young people and whose calling was to help those going through hard times. Suggested donation £10. Please bring a packed lunch. For further details please contact [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto: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

- **A21 GLOBAL FREEDOM SUMMIT, Saturday 4 October, St James' House, Liverpool, 13:30**

The Archdiocese of Liverpool and Church of England Diocese of Liverpool have partnered to welcome you to an upcoming event designed to raise awareness about human trafficking and empower communities to act. Sign up via the link below:

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| A21 Global Freedom Summit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/global-freedom-summit-lets-end-human-trafficking-tickets-1545084763119?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/global-freedom-summit-lets-end-human-trafficking-tickets-1545084763119?aff=oddtcreator</a> |                                                                                       |

- **JUBILEE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, Saturday 20 September 2025, Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral**

Caritas CSAN are inviting all to attend their Jubilee for Social Justice at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. The day will include Holy Mass with Archbishop Emeritus Malcolm McMahon, impactful discussions, and input from inspiring leaders in Catholic social action. The day will be 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 sign up via the link below.

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|                                                                                                                                                                               | Jubilee For Social Justice                                              |  |
| 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       |                                                                                       |
| <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jubilee-for-social-justice-tickets-1374429849679">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jubilee-for-social-justice-tickets-1374429849679</a> |                                                                         |                                                                                       |

*Charities and organisations are welcome to host a stall after Holy Mass. For more information, please email Berna at [bernadette.durcan@csan.org.uk](mailto:bernadette.durcan@csan.org.uk).*

- **DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY, Sunday 28 September,**



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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](#)

- **TOWARDS THE COMMON GOOD: DINNER & DIALOGUE WITH JENNY SINCLAIR**

Together Liverpool warmly invites us to **St Cleopas Church** for a series of three evening gatherings of shared meals and meaningful conversation led by **Jenny Sinclair, founder and Director of Together for the Common Good**. These sessions will explore the connections between faith, work, and civic life.

Jenny will lead us through three themes:

- **Reading the Signs: Where Are We, Really? - Tuesday 30 September**
- **From Charity to Solidarity - Thursday 30 October**
- **A Story of Communion - Thursday 27 November**
- <https://togetherliverpool.org.uk/whats-new/towards-the-common-good-three-evenings>  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/towards-the-common-good-three-evenings-with-jenny-sinclair-tickets-1602296745699>

- **KIDS MATTER BREAKFAST, Tuesday 21 October, Front Line Centre, Wellington Road Junction of Wellington Road & Wavertree (L15 0HY), 9:30-11:45**

Kids Matter are hosting a **breakfast and information session**. Church leaders, children and family workers, community volunteers, and local headteachers are welcome to attend for a free breakfast with open conversation, and the opportunity to hear how Kids Matter partners with Liverpool Churches and Communities. For more information, please contact Lynne Ryder at [lynne.ryder@kidsmatter.org.uk](mailto:lynne.ryder@kidsmatter.org.uk)

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| Kids Matter Breakfast                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kids-matter-breakfast-liverpool-tickets-1542799537949">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kids-matter-breakfast-liverpool-tickets-1542799537949</a> |                                                                                       |
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- **MARYS MEALS – 3 MILLION SMILES: MASS FOR THE WORK OF MARY'S MEALS, Sunday 21 September, St Teresa's Catholic Church, 23 College Road, Upholland, WN8 0PY, 15:00**

Archbishop John Sherrington will be presiding at a special Mass of celebration for the work of global feeding charity Mary's Meals. All are welcome! Light refreshments will be served in the church hall after Mass

## [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



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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](mailto:fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com) to receive the link.

## YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

- **ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

The Archdiocesan Young Adult Group meet fortnightly at **Pauline Book Centre (84 Church Street, Liverpool L1 3AY)**. On **23 September**, a Young Adults Mass (on the theme of 'Care for Creation') will be celebrated at **18:30**, followed by social time with food and refreshment. Anyone aged 18-35 would be most welcome. For enquiries, please contact Moses at [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)

- **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.

- **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/H7vBavJ4Jlm2spPNI9d2DT> If you want more information please contact James: [djmoroney@cantab.net](mailto:djmoroney@cantab.net) or 07546667394

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

## IMPORTANT ARCHDIOCESAN DATES – SAVE THE DATE!

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| Monday 27 October to Sunday 9 November | Jubilee Icon Tour Liverpool                                           |
| Friday 7 November, 18:30               | Justice & Peace Commission/CAFOD Jubilee of Hope Event.               |
| Saturday 8 November                    | Adoremus 2025 – Liverpool, Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. |



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