

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2025, SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER 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

• LOYOLA GRADUATION DAY

Congratulation to those who have graduated from the Loyola Certificate in Pastoral Ministry. We had a wonderful celebration on 4 October. Graduates and their families and the course tutors gathered at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, not only to share their joys of the journey, but also the future plan of their own ministry in the Church. One of the graduates said, *'Magical: from the lovely flowers on the tables, to the celebratory banners and then the insightful program – really well thought out and celebratory. Loved the mass and the way we were encouraged to look ahead.'*

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.



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- **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 information and Zoom links available at jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

- **REIMAGINING BAPTISM**

Reimagining Baptism is a national conversation exploring how baptism shapes our faith and parish life. Join us to renew a baptismal mindset and share the light of hope in today's world. Featuring a keynote by Abbot Hugh Allan O.Praem and workshops led by experienced clergy and catechists, the event takes place on **Friday 28 November 2025 (Clergy)** and **Saturday 29 November 2025 (All)** at **St Joseph's Catholic Church, Stockport**. Book your place today by emailing Natalie.Orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Cost: **£50 including cooked lunch (28 Nov), £10 bring your own lunch (29 Nov)**. *"Baptism is the beginning of hope... the meaning of life"* – Pope Francis.

- **LIGHT OF TRUTH: ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS, 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

- **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:

- **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>

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.



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- **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.

- **THE IRENAEUS CENTRE: WOMEN'S WEEKEND**

The Irenaeus Centre (L22 1RD) are hosting a Women's Weekend from 18:00 on Friday 17 October to 13:00 on Sunday 19 October. Residential places are £95. Non-residential with meals is £70. Non-residential (self-catering) places are £30. For more information and to book please contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or telephone 01519491199.

- **THE IRENAEUS CENTRE: A YEAR OF JUBILEE, HOPE FOR OUR WORLD, Saturday 11 October, 10:00-16:00 (with guest speaker Abhy Thomas)**

Organised by Liverpool's Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion, the Irenaeus Centre (L22 1RD) will be hosting a charismatic day of renewal, prayer, praise and fellowship with guest speaker Abhy Thomas, co-ordinator of the Charis National Service Communion. Suggested donation of £10. Please bring a packed lunch. For more information contact moira@irenaeus.co.uk.

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

- **ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

The Archdiocesan Young Adult Group meet fortnightly at **Pauline Book Centre (84 Church Street, Liverpool L1 3AY)**. From **18:30-20:00** on **Tuesday 21 October**, the Young Adults will be meeting with to have a faith-based talk followed by some 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.

- **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:



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<https://chat.whatsapp.com/H7vBavJ4Jlm2spPNI9d2DT> If you want more information please contact James: djmoroney@cantab.net or 07546667394

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

IMPORTANT ARCHDIOCESAN DATES – SAVE THE DATE!

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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