

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



ALL SAINTS 2025, SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 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

• OUR ARCHDIOCESAN SYNODAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE TAKE PART IN THE JUBILEE OF SYNODAL BODIES AND PARTICIPATORY BODIES IN ROME

Last weekend eight representatives from the Archdiocese travelled to Rome for the Jubilee of Synodal Bodies. It was such a joyful occasion! They joined 2000 delegates from across the world to discuss the development of the synodal church, present questions to Pope Leo and hear his response. The weekend culminated in Mass presided by Pope Leo in St Peter's Basilica. More information will be available throughout the Archdiocese over the coming weeks but in the meantime a video of the Pope's responses can be found at the following link: <https://youtu.be/z9L46clcWlw?si=jEj29bkR0kL3pk-v>



SACRAMENT - CATECHESIS - FORMATION

• ADOREMUS 2025, METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING, LIVERPOOL

On **Saturday 8 November** come and join us to adore the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. There will be Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Mass, opportunities for Reconciliation, a variety of Workshops and a Shared Time of Diocesan Prayer.

	<u>Columba Chapel</u>	<u>Meeting Room</u>
09:00	Holy Mass and Exposition celebrated by Archbishop John Sherrington	
10:15	Diving Deeper into Eucharistic Ministry – Liz Parsons, Pastoral Development Dept.	Readers: Proclaiming the Word – Chris Higgins, Pastoral Development Dept.
11:05	Guided Reflection on the Jubilee Icon – CAFOD	A celebration of the Ministry of Music – Mike Anderson, musician and writer



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11:55	Discerning, Choosing, Deciding – Sr Lynne Baron FCJ	Ministry of Welcome – Chris Knowles and St Vincent de Paul Parish
12:50	Call to Holiness – Fr Peter McGrail	
14:00	Shared time for diocesan prayer led by Archbishop John Sherrington	
15:15	A Journey Through Chaplaincy – Prisons Chaplain Ken McCabe and College Chaplain Kathryn Edmond	Children's Liturgy – Mary Kearsley and Margaret Jennings from Wigan Children's Liturgy Group
16:15	Veneration of relics of Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati & Saint Carlo Acutis	
17:00	Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Tom Neylon	
<i>Please note, all attendees under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.</i>		<i>Scan here to sign up!</i> 

- **THE IRENAEUS CENTRE, COME & SEE DAY: 'LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY'**

On Saturday 8 November the Irenaeus Centre is hosting a come & see day with keynote speaker Maria Burgess. The day is expected to begin at 10:00 and conclude by 16:00. Suggested donation of £10. Please bring a packed lunch. For further details contact: jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 0151 949 1199.

- **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE**

Are you planning to get married in a Catholic church? Are you looking for some time out from the busy wedding planning, providing you and your partner with an opportunity to focus on your relationship and to learn more about each other?

The Liverpool Archdiocese is now offering a marriage preparation course for engaged couples. The course will involve four sessions, meeting in group with other couples. To be led by trained lay facilitators, the course will help the couples develop skills which could facilitate good communication within their relationship and an understanding of unconditional love set within a Catholic faith. The next course will be available in **April 2026**:

Date:	30 April, 7 May, 14 May, 21 May (all Thursdays)	
Time:	6.30pm-8.30pm	
Venue:	St Agnes & St Aidan Church, Huyton, Liverpool, L36 5SQ	

There is a fee of £50 per couple to help towards materials and other expenses. Please book online here at <https://forms.office.com/e/hgy2JbUpY3?origin=lprLink>
For enquiries, please contact Moses Mui, Training Coordinator at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk



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- **THE CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE**

The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst is offering a weekend marriage preparation course in January 2026. This course is aimed at couples who are engaged in and practicing their faith, and who wish for a deeper, theological and spiritual reflection on the Sacrament of Matrimony. Structured around foundational, Scriptural texts, the weekend is inspired by St John Paul II's *Catechesis on Human Love*, within a framework of prayer, discussion, input and exercises. More info and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation> For enquiry please contact Stefan Kaminski, Director of the Centre (T: 01254 827 329, E: director@christianheritagecentre.com)

- **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.

- **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAYS**

The Irenaeus Centre will be leading Eucharistic ministry training days at on 25 October 2025 & 14 March 2026. For more information and Zoom links, parishes are invited to book by emailing jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

- **RE-IMAGINING 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.



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

- **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.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION

- **EXPLORING HOPE: SOCIAL ACTION IN THE YEAR OF THE JUBILEE**

The Justice & Peace Commission along with partners at CAFOD invite us all to a one-off event as part of the Jubilee icon tour celebrations: 'Exploring Hope'. All are welcome to gather for a time to explore the role of hope in social action. The event will take place at All Saints Parish, Golborne (WA3 3BG), on Friday 7th November at 6:30pm.

There will be time for theological reflection, lively discussion, and prayerful exploration of the Jubilee icon led by CAFOD.

Refreshments will be provided. Sign up to register your place here: [Sign-up Form: Exploring Hope](#)

- **MICAH LIVERPOOL FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT**

A night of fun, trivia & healthy competition! Micah Liverpool is hosting a fundraising quiz night on Friday 14 November at St Bride's Church (L8 7LT). Doors open at 19:00 (19:30 start). All proceeds in aid of Micah Liverpool. www.micahliverpool.com. For tickets, please scan the QR code.



- **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 the following themes:

- From Charity to Solidarity - Thursday 30 October
- <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>



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YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

- **WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY 2025 A JUBILEE CELEBRATION!**

World Youth Sunday is an international initiative celebrating the place of young people in the life and mission of the Church. Marking the Jubilee Year, this year's celebration will be more meaningful than ever – uniting young Catholics in faith and hope.

Follow the link below to have a look at the resources and see how you can get involved:

[Jubilee World Youth Sunday 2025 – CYMFED](#)

- **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 4 November, the Young Adults will be meeting with to have a faith-based talk with Sr Elaine Penrice fsp 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.

- **ARCHDIOCESAN ADVENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

With the facilitation of Sr Lynne Baron, FCJ, we will organise the Advent Retreat Day for Young Adults on Saturday 29 November 2025 at St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby, L37 1PH. The Retreat Day will start at 10:00 and aim to finish at 16:00. This Retreat Day is free of charge, but please bring your packed lunch. If you're aged 18-35 and interested to join, please sign up here <https://forms.office.com/e/bcjQ3p5Db0?origin=lprLink>. For further information 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 18:00 at St Vincent de Paul's Church, L1 5JN, there is a "lectio" prayer group for young adults. There will be a Mass at 18:00, followed by a short time of sharing the Sunday readings at 18:30. 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 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



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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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