

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2026

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).

NEW UPDATES THIS WEEK

- **PRAY AND PLAY: A FREE LENTEN EXPERIENCE FOR FAMILIES**



Enrich your "Domestic Church" this Lent with Veronica's Stations by Deacon Justin Malewezi. This free interactive flipbook brings the family together for prayer and tactile fun! Here is how it works:

PRAY: Read the Stations of the Cross together, reimagined through the eyes of Saint Veronica.

MOLD: Get out the play dough or plasticine and sculpt your own characters for a Bible story.

CREATE: Talk about the story while you sculpt, then write a poem and prayer to go with your creations.

GET STARTED NOW

Scan the QR Code or Click the Link to open your free flipbook!

<https://malewezi.com/flipbook/pray-and-play-veronicas-stations-by-deacon-justin/>



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SACRAMENT - CATECHESIS – FORMATION

• ADVENTUROUS ACCOMPANIMENT WORKSHOP

Whether you hold a particular role within the Church or simply share in the life and mission of the Archdiocese, **this invitation is for you**. You are warmly invited to take part in the **Adventurous Accompaniment** formation programme delivered by **Million Minutes**.

The programme takes place over a **six-week journey**, including **three four-hour workshops**, and online resources to explore and offers participants the opportunity to explore the core principles of Adventurous Accompaniment and to reflect on how these can be embedded in everyday encounters and parish life.

Adventurous Accompaniment is not about training people for specialist roles, but about nurturing a **shared culture of accompaniment** across the archdiocese, in response to the Church's call to walk with others.

All costs of the programme are covered by the Archdiocese of Liverpool. If you're interested in joining us from the second workshop, please **register online**. Sign up here <https://forms.office.com/e/bE7TndtW9p?origin=lprLink>

For enquiries, please contact Moses Mui, Training Coordinator at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

You will choose either one workshop for each weekend when you sign up:



Second Workshop

Saturday 28 February or Sunday 1 March

Third Workshop

Saturday 21 March or Sunday 22 March

All Saturday workshops will take place at **St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Liverpool, L17 1AA (10:00-14:00)*

*All Sunday workshops will take place at **St Joseph's Church, Penketh, Warrington, WA5 2BB (12:00-16:00)***

• ONLINE DISCERNMENT WORKSHOPS

An online discernment workshop series on Ignatian discernment, will be organised in partnership with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). The three online sessions will run on **Wednesday 11, 18, and 25 March at 7:30pm**. The principles of Ignatian Discernment, how to be attentive to the Holy Spirit at work in our lives; and how we can make good choices which are consistent with our faith will be explored. Participants may attend individual workshops or the full series. If you're interested, please register online

<https://forms.office.com/e/n926SQRKva?origin=lprLink>

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- **WE DARE TO ASK – LENTEN RESOURCES (CBCEW)**

Designed for use by individuals or small groups, *We Dare to Ask* is comprised of five sessions which reflect on the Baptismal promises we make or renew at Easter. Our 2026 Lenten resource seeks to encourage an appreciation of what is given in Christian Baptism. God desires what is best for each of us while respecting our freedom to choose. To express our acceptance of the wonderful gift that God offers us, with open hearts and a willingness to change for the better, all we need to do is ask. To download resources, please follow the link:

[We Dare to Ask - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

- **RETREAT DAY FOR RCIA CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES**

The Archdiocese will organise the Retreat Day for Catechumens on **Saturday 14 March between 09:45 and 15:00**, at Carmelite Monastery, Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 3NU. All RCIA catechumens, candidates, sponsors and catechists are most welcome to join. If you're interested, please sign up here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/G6YkmHFS85?origin=lprLink>

For enquiries, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk



- **THE CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE AT STONYHURST: MARRIAGE PREPARATION RESIDENTIAL WEEKEND COURSE, 13-15 MARCH 2026**

The CHC's weekend marriage prep course is intended for couples who wish to engage more deeply with the Catholic vision for marriage. Structured around the elements of the marriage rite, couples will reflect deeply on foundational Scriptural texts to gain a deeper understanding of both the natural and Sacramental aspects of Matrimony. The weekend is framed by prayer, time for reflection personally and as a couple, group discussion and a social. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation>

- **BLESSED ARE YOU – SCRIPTURE MORNINGS**

You are warmly invited to join the Irenaeus Centre for a series of Scripture mornings reflecting on the theme "Blessed Are You." These sessions explore Matthew and the Beatitudes and offer a gentle and prayerful space to explore the scripture during the Lenten season.

Wednesdays, 10:30am-11:45am: 18, 25 February and 4, 11 March. For further information please contact centreirenaeus@gmail.com

- **THE IRENAEUS CENTRE: PILGRIMAGE THROUGH LENT**

The Irenaeus Centre would like to invite you to a series of Lenten Evenings held on Tuesdays at 7pm on the following dates: 24 February and 3, 10, 17, 24 March.

For more information and Zoom links please contact: centreirenaeus@gmail.com

- **THE MYSTERY OF SUFFERING AND VULNERABILITY – A GUIDE THROUGH HOLY WEEK**

Join the Irenaeus Centre for a reflective Holy Week retreat exploring the themes of suffering, vulnerability from 6pm, Wednesday 1 April to 10pm Saturday 4 April 2026. For more information please contact: centreirenaeus@gmail.com or call **0151 949 1199**.



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- **COME AND SEE DAY: LORD TEACH US TO PRAY: SATURDAY 7 MARCH, 10:00-16:00**

The Irenaeus Centre welcomes Rónán and Joanne Johnston as keynote speakers to lead the next come and see day. Rónán is a lifelong musician and composer, worship leader and international speaker whose music ministry has inspired many. He co-founded the Emmaus Christian music band and community, producing 15 albums of worship and contemporary Christian music. Rónán will be joined by his wife, Joanne, a talented session vocalist and primary school teacher. Please bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation: £10. For further details, contact: jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call **0151 949 1199**.

- **LIGHT OF TRUTH: SHOWING REVERENCE TO GOD (Online Formation)**

A session to explore the virtue of religion and how to practice it in the liturgy of the Church and in our daily life. Held **Friday 13 March 19:00-20:00**. [Short Courses | Light of Truth](#)

- **FCJ: INTERNATIONAL READING GROUP (ONLINE)**

Join the FCJ's International Reading Group and explore current thinking in Christian churches, ecology, spirituality, and theology. **Every Friday at 16:00 (UK time)** the group will hold a short recap, discussion, and plenary. From Friday 5 September the group have been reading "*Living God's Future Now*" by Sam Wells. No need to attend every week – just join when you can. To receive the link, please email: fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com

- **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAYS**

The Irenaeus Centre will be leading a Eucharistic ministry training day on **14 March 2026**. For more information, parishes are invited to book by emailing jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

- **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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YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

• LENTEN RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The Archdiocese will organise the Lenten Retreat Day for Young Adults (aged 18 to 35) on **Saturday 7 March** at Carmelite Monastery, Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 3NU. The Retreat Day is free of charge, beginning at 10:00 and concluding at 16:00. Fr Peter McGrail will be with us and talk about baptismal priesthood. Please bring your packed lunch. If you're interested, please sign up here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/B8jbFyeYzV?origin=lprLink>. For further information please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk



• ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Anyone aged 18-35 is welcome to join the Archdiocesan Young Adult Group. The group meets fortnightly at the Pauline Book Centre in Liverpool City Centre. For enquiries, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk. On **Tuesday 17 March (18:30-20:00)**, the group will be having a Catholic social action activity entitled '*Room at the Inn: Living the Spirituality of Hospitality*'.

• PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING YOUNG ADULTS PRAYER GROUP

All Portuguese-speaking young adults are welcome to join a monthly gathering for prayer, friendship, and faith at **St Michael and All Angels Church, Kirkby, L32**. For enquiries, please get in touch by email.

• LECTIO FOR YOUNG ADULTS

A lectio prayer group for young adults meets every Friday at 18:00 at St Vincent de Paul's Church, L1 5JN. For more information, please contact James: djmoroney@cantab.net or call 07546667394. To join the WhatsApp community please follow the [link](#).

SAVE THE DATE!

Mission Days

Tuesday 21 April / Thursday 23 April / Saturday 25 April

CONTACTS

If you are concerned about the safety of a child or vulnerable adult and feel they are in immediate danger, please call the police. If you wish to report any non-urgent concerns, please contact your local social services or our safeguarding team direct at



or Mark Robson 0151 522 1013 / 07585761965 Claire Newton 0151 522 1043 / 07384643237 or safeguarding@rcaol.org.uk



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