

# ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



## PENTECOST SUNDAY 24 MAY 2026

### 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

#### • **YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

On **Tuesday 12th May**, Fr Peter McGrail met with our archdiocesan young adult group for an evening of lively theological discussion. He spoke on the doctrine of transubstantiation, giving a brief history of its development and a clear explanation of how the Church understands our central mystery.

We thank Fr Peter and all those involved for this opportunity to reflect, learn, and have some great conversation.

### SACRAMENT – CATECHESIS – FORMATION

#### • **DAY FOR CATECHISTS 4 JULY 2026**

Are you a catechist looking for spiritual refreshment? No matter what kind of catechesis ministry you are involving (e.g., baptism, first holy communion, confirmation, children liturgy, RCIA or marriage preparation), there is a good opportunity for you to refresh your vocation of being a catechist. On **Saturday 4 July**, the Annual Day for Catechists will be taking place at **St Joseph's Prayer Centre at Formby**. Led by Fr Luke Dominic Onwe, there will be spiritual input and practical discussion on the day.

Please book here <https://forms.office.com/e/zibHn7RDY7?origin=lpLink> For enquiry, please contact Moses at [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)



#### • **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

In partnership with Marriage Encounter, the Archdiocese will organise the Marriage Encounter Experience taking place at the **St Margaret Clitherow Centre** on **Saturday 27th and 28th June**. The experience is priest-led with laity couple presenters, and offers precious quality time to support lifelong marriage, personal growth and spiritual growth in a Catholic faith context.

Full details can be found on the website <https://wwme.org.uk>. For booking please go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/me-weekend-27th-28th-june-2026-liverpool-st-margaret->



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- **LEADERSHIP COURSES FOR SIXTH FORM STUDENTS**

Join the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst for 6 days in the beautiful Ribble Valley to explore themes linked to The Common Good (**Year 12, 10-15 August**) and to The Human Ecology (**Year 13, 5-10 July**). Meet new friends, discuss and share with peers, tutors and academics, learn new skills, develop your relationship with Christ, build your character. For more information please visit: [www.christianleadershipformation.com](http://www.christianleadershipformation.com).

## **RETREATS & PILGRIMAGES**

- **PILGRIM WALK FOR YOUNG ADULTS – SATURDAY 6 JUNE**

We are going to organise a Pilgrim Walk for young adults who are aged 18-35 on **Saturday 6 June**. We will gather at **Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Portico L34 2QT** and begin the walk at **10am**. Then we will come back to the church for mid-day Mass, followed by lunch and fellowship time.

If you are interested, please book online here <https://forms.office.com/e/7H3PMpcuQS?origin=IprLink>

For enquiry, please contact Chris at [c.higgins@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:c.higgins@rcaol.org.uk)



- **ANNUAL PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS**

### **Two Cathedrals May 2026 - All Welcome! 'Many Voices - One Faith'**

Sunday 24 May 2026, 3-5pm

As the Feast of Pentecost approaches and we remember the moment when the early Christians were flooded with the Holy Spirit and carried the Gospel out into the crowds, Christians across the Archdiocese region are preparing to come together in celebration at this year's Two Cathedrals Pentecost Walk. Inspired by Pope John Paul II's journey down Hope Street in 1982, the Two Cathedrals Pentecost Walk is... denominations to come together in celebration.

The Two Cathedrals Walk will take place on **Sunday 24 May at 3pm**. All are warmly welcome to join us in gathering at the **Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King** for a walk down Hope Street to **Liverpool Cathedral** in a time celebration. For more information, visit: <https://www.ctmr.org.uk/Groups/341586/Pentecost.aspx>

## **YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS**

- **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. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 May. We are going to pray with Blessed Lawrence Johnson. As usual, light refreshment will be served at 6.30pm, followed by the prayer meeting at 7pm. For enquiries, please contact Moses at [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk).



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- **PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI FOR YOUNG ADULTS (DISCOUNT AVAILABLE)**

Young adults aged 18-35 are warmly reminded to secure their place on the Archdiocese of Liverpool's pilgrimage to Assisi, taking place from 29 November to 2 December 2026.

Organised in partnership with McCabe Travel, this special journey offers the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of St Francis during the 800th anniversary year. Pilgrims will visit key sites associated with St Francis and St Clare and learn more about the life of St Carlo Acutis.

For the first 15 people from Liverpool Archdiocese to book, there is a discount price of £799 (the full price is £990). The cost of the trip includes flights, accommodation, transport, and all meals (except one dinner), with shared rooms provided. We strongly encourage early booking to take advantage of the discount and secure your place.

[View here for information and to book your space](#)

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- **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](mailto:djmoroney@cantab.net) or call 07546667394. To join the WhatsApp community please follow the [link](#).

## **CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION**

- **CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION CONFERENCE 2026 – REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

The Archdiocese of Liverpool invites you to register your place for this year's **Catholic Social Action Conference**, due to place at **Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral on Friday 10 July 2026**.

The social action conference is an annual event in the life of the Archdiocese, bringing together people working in the faith-based charity sector, volunteers, and anyone with a particular interest in social justice advocacy and Catholic Social Teaching. It's a chance to meet others working



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towards similar goals, learn and share experiences from the ground, and explore current issues shaping social action today.

In line with current emphases in developing Catholic Social Teaching, this year's conference theme is '**Humanitas: Flourishing in Action**'. We'll be reflecting on the emerging risks and challenges associated with prioritising human flourishing in Catholic Social Action.

We're delighted to have an excellent line-up of speakers and workshop hosts, including a keynote from **Jenny Sinclair**, Director of Together for the Common Good and host of the Leaving Egypt podcast.

More details will be announced soon. To register your place ahead of the curve, please complete the following form: <https://forms.office.com/e/ePUXSkJrCj?origin=lprLink>



We look forward to welcoming you at the conference soon!

## OTHER EVENTS

- **WEBELIEVE FESTIVAL – 24 TO 27 JULY**

WeBelieve festival brings thousands together to encounter Jesus Christ in His Church. It's an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God.

Join us from **24-27 July, 2026** at the historic and beautiful setting of **St Mary's College, Oscott** for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful.

<https://www.webeliefestival.com/tickets>



- **PAUL, AN APOSTLE OF OUR TIME**

Scripture sharing with strawberries and cream. **Tuesdays 7pm, 23, 30 June, 7, 14 July 2026** at the **Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD**. zoom link available [centreirenaeus@gmail.com](mailto:centreirenaeus@gmail.com)

- **SUMMER GARDEN PARTY AT IRENAEUS**

Mass and BBQ at the **Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD, 3pm 28 June 2026**. For more information contact [centreirenaeus@gmail.com](mailto:centreirenaeus@gmail.com)



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