

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER 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).

GOOD NEWS & UPDATES

- **AN EVENING WITH ARCHBISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON**

Over 70 young adults from across the archdiocese gathered in Philip Neri church to celebrate the Eucharist last Saturday 3 October. Archbishop John in his homily encouraged the young Catholic not only to participate in the church of life but also bear witness to Jesus Christ in their daily life. After the Mass, we shared meal together in the Blackbourne House. For more information about the young adult opportunities, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

- **ADVENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

Fr Derek Lloyd will lead the Advent Retreat for Young Adults which will be taking place on Saturday 28 November at St Basil's Church, Widnes, WA8 4SZ. The retreat day will start at 10:00 and aim to finish at 16:00. This 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://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/fy1btghq>. For further information please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

FORMATION

- **ARCHBISHOPS CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS (APPLICATIONS FOR 2026-2028 ARE NOW OPEN)**

This two-year online course whose aim is to equip and support catechists and lay leaders in evangelisation and formation. Beginning from mid-October, the course consisted of a study over 12 units, with four in-person Saturday sessions and seven online study sessions. For more details, please visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/liverpool>

- **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING**

28th November – The Irenaeus Centre (L22 1RD)

This course examines our baptismal calling, Vatican II's teaching on ministry, and the role of the Eucharistic minister. It also offers an opportunity to celebrate our place in the Church's synodal life.



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Parishes are encouraged to enable the faithful to receive Communion as both the Body and Blood of Christ. This is an ideal opportunity to involve new ministers and, where this is not already the practice, restore Communion under both species.

The day runs from 9.15 am to 4pm Parishes are asked to contribute £15 per attendee to cover costs. Places must be booked and paid for in advance.

ADOREMUS

- **ADOREMUS LIVERPOOL – HOW WE ARE EUCHARIST**

10 October at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

Join us on the 10th of October for this year's Adoremus. The event itself is free and available to all. The day starts with mass at 9am, followed by Adoration throughout the day, opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation and several workshops exploring a variety of spiritualities. Celebrated with Archbishop John Sherrington, this is an event not to be missed. Sign up here [Adoremus Liverpool \(10-Oct-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

- **YOUTH SUNDAY (22ND NOVEMBER)**

Come and join us for our Youth Sunday Celebration at **LACE** on **Sunday 22nd November**.

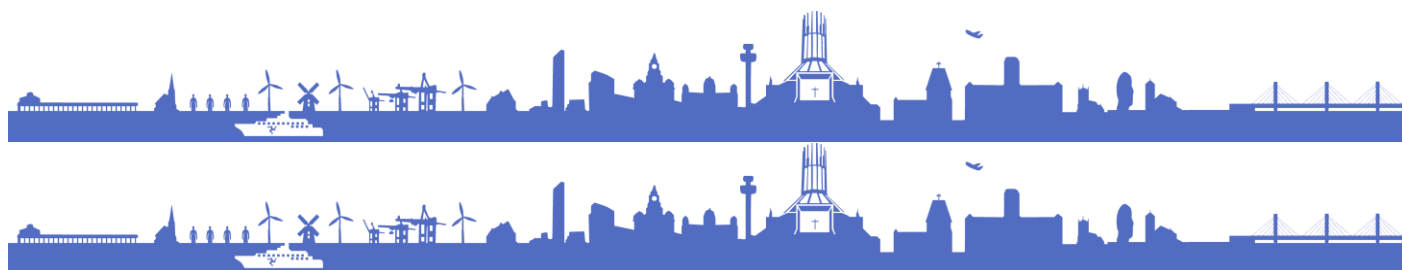
The fabulous 'One Hope Project' are hosting the day and there will be guest speakers on the theme of **TAKE COURAGE, I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD**. The workshops will be on **Courage to Listen, Courage to Pray, and Courage to Act**. The day will start at **10am** and finish with Mass together with Archbishop John Sherrington at **5pm**. There will be a marketplace of information and groups to get involved with. Please **bring a packed lunch**. The day is free and open to all young people in Secondary school, **but they must apply for tickets and attend with a chaplain, teacher, or youth leader/ catechist**. The ratio is 1 adult to 8 young people aged 11 or 12; and 1 adult to 10 young people aged 13+. **(Parents must give young people permission to attend and give leaders permission to share young person's information with the archdiocese.)** We look forward to seeing you there!

- **ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP (29 September)**

Anyone aged 18-35 is welcome to join the Archdiocesan Young Adult Group, meeting fortnightly at the Pauline Book Centre (L1 3AY). The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th October. Fr Peter McGrail is going to talk to us about 'The Gospel for Catholics - The wonder of the incarnation: matter matters!'. Light refreshment will be served at 6.30pm, followed by the thematic sharing at 7pm. For enquiries, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

- **FLAME 2027 THE UK'S LARGEST CATHOLIC YOUTH CONGRESS – SATURDAY 6TH MARCH 2027**

We are arranging for tickets and coaches to go to Wembley for FLAME - where 10000 young Catholics come together for praise, worship and talks. You can find out more here [FLAME 27 – CYMFED](#)
If you are interested in possibly bringing a group of young people then please contact Sarah McGeehan (Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator) for more information on s.mcgeehan@rcaol.org.uk or 07415099048



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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 jovenscatolicosemliverpool@gmail.com.

There is also a weekend retreat for Portuguese-speaking young adults (up to 28 years old) from 13–15 November 2026 at St Joseph Prayer House, Formby, Liverpool, L37 1PH. The retreat will be conducted in Portuguese language and will feature a special programme led by Fr Adriano Zandoná. For more information or to reserve your place, please get in touch via Instagram @jovens.catolicos.em.liverpool or by email at retirogrupodejovensliverpool@gmail.com

- **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 <https://tinyurl.com/53brpbz>

ECUMENICAL EVENTS

- **FAITHFUL CIVIC LIFE: POWER, PLACE AND THE COMMON GOOD**

Tuesdays 22 Sept, 20 Oct, & 24 Nov | 6:30pm–8:30pm, St Cleopas Church, Dingle, L8

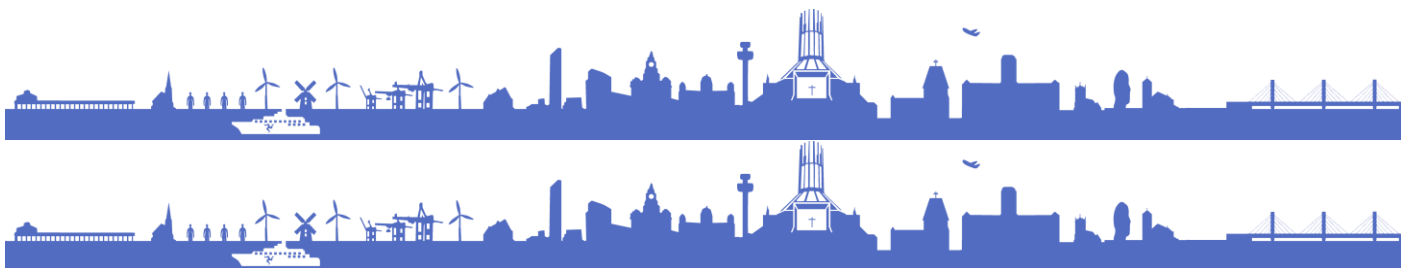
A practical 3-part series with Cllr Jane Corbett on local power, civic engagement, and faith-driven community action for leaders, staff, and volunteers across LCR.

<https://togetherliverpool.org.uk/whats-new/faithful-civic-life-autumn-workshop-series/>

- **CONTEMPORARY PRAISE EVENING**

Friday 23 October | 6:30pm, St James, 4 Albion Street, New Brighton, Wirral, CH45 9LF

An evening of contemporary worship and praise open to all.



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

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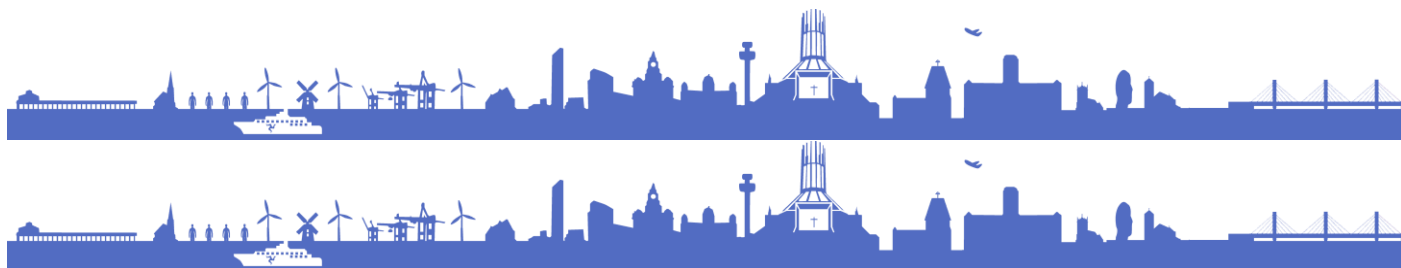
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The Irenaeus Project www.irenaeus.co.uk/

Youth Ministry: Animate www.animateyouth.org/



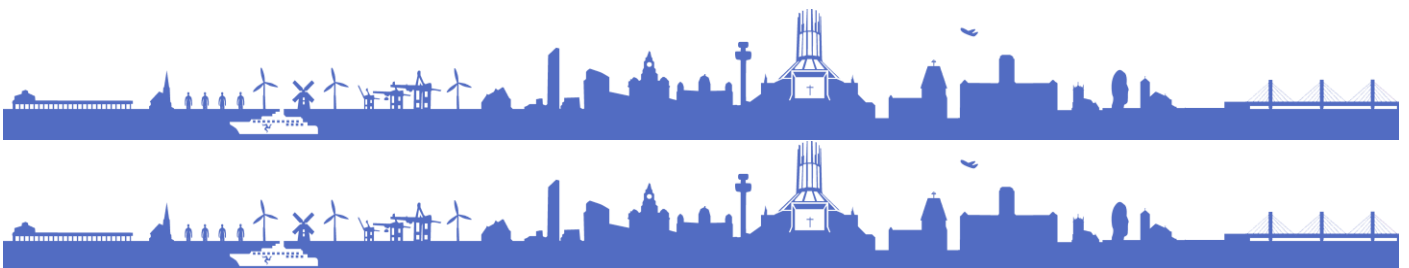
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