ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL
PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 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

- **FATIMA PILGRIMAGE - SEPTEMBER 2027**
  A pilgrimage to **Fátima** is planned for **11-14 September 2027**, comprising four days and three nights. The group will travel from **Manchester to Lisbon** on 11 September and return on 14 September. Accommodation will be at the **Hotel Genesis**, which is situated close to the Sanctuary, with half-board included throughout the stay. The pilgrimage package includes return flights, airport and local transfers, a guided visit, and the services of a McCabe tour manager. The cost is **£1,090 per person based on two people sharing a twin room**, with a **single room supplement of £200**. Further information and booking details, visit https://tinyurl.com/bdhc833n

  LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE ONLINE ALPHA COURSE
  Beginning on **Wednesday 13 January at 6.45pm**, we're offering an **Online Alpha Course** for anyone wishing to explore life, faith and meaning. If you, or someone you know is looking to meet new people and explore the Catholic faith together, Alpha is for anyone who's curious. **There will be a retreat day on Saturday 6th February**, where we will get the chance to meet in person, but Wednesday evenings will take place online. **Concluding on Wednesday 18th March**, each session unpacks a big question of life, faith and purpose and is designed to spark conversation. If you'd like to find out more, please use click here to register your interest https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/x7JQPgkedn, or email pd@rcaol.org.uk for more information.

FORMATION

- **EUCHARISTIC 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. 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.

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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!

- **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

- **ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP (10 November)**
  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 27 October. Julia Buckingham, Ark Community Life Coordinator from L'Arche Liverpool is going to talk to us about their mission for the community of people with intellectual disabilities. Light refreshment will be served at 6.30pm, followed by the 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

- **PORTUGESE-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/53brpjbz

ECUMENICAL EVENTS

- **FAITHFUL CIVIC LIFE: POWER, PLACE AND THE COMMON GOOD**
  Tuesday 24 Nov | 6:30pm–8:30pm, St Cleopas Church, Dingle, L8
  Final part of a three part series with C llr 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/

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