



PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

For the current week's readings and Saints please look at Liturgy Office www.liturgyoffice.org.uk, *Universalis* (Liverpool/IOM) and *The Liverpool Ordo*. You can find additional Saints' information on https://www.catholicireland.net/saints_category/saints/

REFLECTION

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed."

1 Corinthians 15:3-11

UPDATE FROM THE LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE

• **RCIA RETREAT DAY and MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS**

- **(Please note some changes to the RCIA pack sent out at Christmas).**

THE RCIA RETREAT DAY will be taking place on **Saturday 16th March, at St John Fisher, Moorfield Road, Widnes WA8 3JA. We will meet at 10am for a 10.30 start.** The Sisters of the Faithful Companions of Jesus will be leading us through the day. This retreat is for Candidates and Catechumens who are to be received into the Catholic Church this Easter and their catechists. **To register your place, please email: rcia@rcaol.org.uk**

THE MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS will take place on **Thursday 20th June at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral at 7pm.** Anyone who had been received into the church, both this year and previous years are welcome to attend with their families and friends.



- **VATICAN II SEMINAR & LECTURE SERIES**

The fourth and final Vatican II seminar will take place **Wednesday 28 February**. The seminar will be led by Dr Patricia Jones (Durham University) focussing on *Gaudium et Spes: Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*.

The seminar will start at **3pm** at **Liverpool Hope University**. The seminar can also be attended online through Zoom. Places are limited, so please book your **free tickets** here <http://bit.ly/3Ql4e5R>

- **CATECHIST TRAINING**

The second module for our general Catechist Course will begin on **Wednesday 6th March at 7pm at the St Margaret Clitherow Centre**. These six sessions will explore key elements of the Catholic Faith and how they can be explored through Catechesis. It would suit a catechist who wishes to go deeper in their knowledge and understanding. Topics for these 6 sessions will cover

- Jesus Christ – our way to God
- The Holy Bible – God speaks to us
- Prayer and Liturgy – we speak with God
- The Church – God’s Family
- Morality & Catholic Social Teaching – Human person made in the image of God

If you have any questions about this course, or would like to find out more, please email training@rcaol.org.uk

- **FACILITATION TRAINING**

We are now offering training for people in our parishes who lead groups. Whether they are for praying, liturgy, or volunteering this 2-hour workshop will provide an opportunity to come together to discuss the format of your group and share new ideas to support the facilitation of your group moving forward. If you are interested in arranging a workshop for your parish or deanery, please contact e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk

- **ARC DIOCESAN ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE 2024: Saturday 9 March 10:30-3:30**

St Patrick’s Catholic Primary School (Hardybutts, Wigan, Lancashire, WN13RZ) will play host to the annual archdiocesan environment conference. Speaking at the conference is Environment and Issues Lead for the Catholics Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales, and Salford Bishop, Bishop John Arnold; Sister Margaret Aitken, and John Paul Dequay. In groups, delegates will begin to think about what environment and sustainability plans and pledges they can make moving forward. The event will also be attended by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon O.P. and a cold buffet-style lunch will be provided. There is a capacity of 50 places so if you are interested in attending, please book your **free tickets** below:

<https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/vr8p9ggi>

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- **BECOMING A WELCOMING PARISH: Wednesday 13 March 7-8.30pm (online)**

Find out how we can include people of all cultures and backgrounds to our parishes. Guest speakers include: Jennie Taylor, Racial Justice Officer, Liverpool Diocese and Emily Shepherd of Welcome Churches. Book <https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/he8uloch>

ROMERO MASS AND LECTURE: Thursday 21st March 7:00PM onwards

This year's Mass for St Oscar Romero will be celebrated at St Oswald & St Edmund Arrowsmith, Ashton-in-Makerfield, with an opportunity to venerate the relics of St Romero. Followed by lecture "Drawing us closer to Christ and the saints: Relics and their meaning for us today". Dr Jan Graffius will show how relics can continue to inspire us in our faith, and to work for justice and the ongoing legacy of St Oscar Romero.

- **VACANCIES AT THE ARCHDIOCESE**

We are currently advertising several vacancies. If you're interested in working for the Archdiocese, you can find an up-to-date list of vacancies available here, including Director of Pastoral Development and Parish and Deanery Development Adviser roles within the Pastoral Development Department: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers

RESOURCES AND EVENTS

- **LENT TALK: Monday 11th March from 7.00 - 8.00 pm**

St Anne's in Ormskirk are having a Lent Talk from theologian David McLoughlin from Birmingham entitled *Jesus' Passion for the Kingdom of God. Walking with him to the Cross*. All welcome.

- **A LOOK AT MARK'S GOSPEL: Irenaeus Centre, Thursday 8 - 29 February 10:30am-12:00pm**

Over several weeks in February the Irenaeus Centre will be taking a look at Mark's Gospel:

- Thursday 29 February (10:30am-12:00pm)

Zoom links and further information are available by emailing jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or calling 0151 949 1199.

- **LOOKING TOWARDS THE CROSS: Irenaeus Centre, 5-26 March 7:00pm-8:30pm**

Lenten evenings hosted at the Irenaeus Centre:

- Tuesdays 5 March (7:00pm-8:30pm)
- Tuesday 12 March (7:00pm-8:30pm)
- Tuesday 19 March (7:00pm-8:30pm)
- Tuesday 26 March 2024 (7:00pm-8:30pm)

Zoom links and further information available by emailing jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or calling 0151 949 1199.

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Also at Irenaeus, for Lent at the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD we have set up prayer stations around our meeting room and oratory. Why not call in and spend 5, 10 or 15 minutes at any time from Monday – Thursday 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. Simply sit, look and let God speak....so if you're passing, you'll all be very welcome!

- **DISCERNMENT WORKSHOPS**

The Friends and Companions of Jesus are offering a Discernment Workshop for Young Adults (20s and 30s) on **20th February, 5th and 19th March at 7.30pm**. There will be input on Ignatian discernment and decision making, discussion and opportunity for Q&A

Session 1: Discerning, Choosing, Deciding

Session 2: Interior Freedom

Session 3: Consolation and Desolation

In these workshop they will consider what Ignatian spirituality teaches us about clarifying our choices, ways of listening to God's Spirit in our lives and discerning the way forward.

To register interest sign up : <https://forms.gle/swiKPWYF5QpVYrU8>

- **A WEEKEND WITH ST TERESA OF AVILA - Led by Fr Matthew Blake, OCD**

The Christian Heritage Centre is offering this retreat, which explores the life and faith of Teresa of Avila (also called Teresa of Jesus), one of the great Spanish mystics who, with Saint John of the Cross, established the Discalced Carmelites.

Please note there is a cost for this event:

Single room: £210 p.p.*

Twin room (sharing): £150 p.p.*

Non-residential (includes lunches and dinners): £90

For more information, please visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/praying-with-saint-teresa/>

- **WALKING THE WAY OF THE PASSION, Wednesday 27 & Sunday 31 March**

Limited residential places available at the Irenaeus Centre so please book early. For further details email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 0151 949 1199.

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