



ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 4th MAY 2025

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

- **New Catholic Social Action Coordinator**

I am pleased to announce that we have recently appointed a new Catholic Social Action Coordinator who will start with our Pastoral Development Team in the last week of May.

NEW UPDATES THIS WEEK

- **POPE FRANCIS – REST IN PEACE**

On **Tuesday 22 April**, the Metropolitan Cathedral celebrated Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. You can watch it back here. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cf3Le6GR7Ik>
For details of how Pope Francis will be remembered across the Archdiocese, please refer to the archdiocesan website [How Pope Francis will be remembered across the archdiocese | News](#)

As we join the Church in praying for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis, we are also beginning to pray for the election of a new Pope:

O God, Eternal Shepherd,
Who govern Your flock with unfailing care,
Grant in Your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for Your Church
who will please You by His holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

- *The Roman Missal, Prayer for the Election of a New Pope*

SACRAMENT – CATECHESIS - FORMATION

- **HOLY MASS AND BRUNCH FOR ENGAGED COUPLES – Saturday 31 May**

To celebrate the gift of marriage, all engaged couples across the Archdiocese are cordially invited to the Holy Mass on Saturday 31 May at St Margaret Clitherow Centre (Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA). The Mass with special blessing for engaged couples will be celebrated at 11am, followed by brunch. If you are interested to join, please sign up here



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<https://forms.office.com/e/M7sfFVrPBX?origin=lprLink>. For enquiry, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

- **FAMILY PICNIC – Saturday 28 June 2025**

St Annes, Prescott Rd, Ormskirk, L39 4TG, time to be confirmed. If you are interested, please sign up here <https://forms.office.com/e/jBYLYUyBtt> and for more information please contact Ian at i.parrott@rcaol.org.uk



- **CONFIRMATION 2025 (ANIMATE)**

2025 registration to receive the sacrament of confirmation has now closed.

For those registered and/or interested please join the Animate team and special guests live for the **Sacrament of Confirmation Online Preparation Sessions** on **Thursday 15 May** from **16.30-18.00** on the Animate Youth YouTube channel. No log in required. This session will offer a reminder of some of the work done in schools on Gifts of the Spirit, Saints, Rite of Confirmation. You will also hear how Confirmation has affected different people in the Archdiocese. **This is to run alongside your Local Parish/Deanery preparation.**

- **GENERAL CATECHIST COURSE**

Are you considering being catechist or is existing catechist looking to refresh your knowledge? The Archdiocese is now running a series of catechist training course covering various topics about catechesis you might be interested in. There are two modules coming. **'Discipleship Catechesis'** will explore key elements of the Catholic Faith and how they can be explored through Catechesis. **'Missionary Catechesis'** will help identify key principles to develop a culture of ongoing catechesis, formation and discipleship.

Discipleship Catechesis		Missionary Catechesis	
9 April	7 May	4 June	18 June
23 April	14 May	11 June	25 June
30 April	21 May		

Venue: St Mary's church, Broadfield Walk, Leyland (PR25 1PD) | Time: 19.00 – 20.30

If you're interested, sign up here <https://forms.office.com/e/efjAZbJUrZ?origin=lprLink>

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

JUBILEE

- **ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE WALK (1) – ST ANNE & BLESSED DOMINIC, SUTTON, ST HELENS – Saturday 17 May 2025**

The first of our three Jubilee Pilgrimage Walks will take place on **Saturday 17 May**. This will be a circular walk of 5 miles based around the Jubilee Church **of St Anne and Blessed Dominic in St Helens**. The walk will begin **10:00** from the church car park (**WA9 3ZD**) and will end with a short procession through the grounds at **11:50**. Those who do not feel able to complete the 5-mile walk may join us for the procession. Holy Mass will be celebrated at **12:00** and there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and visit to the **Shrine of Blessed**



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Dominic Barberi. Refreshments will also be available after Mass in the Parish Centre. To allow us to plan accordingly please sign up for the walk using the following link:
<https://forms.office.com/e/11DnmnWWC5>

For more information contact Chris: c.higgins@rcaol.org.uk

- **VISIT OF FATIMA STATUE AND RELICS – Monday 2 June 2025**

The Centenary Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the relics of Ss Jacinta and Francisco are coming to the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on **Monday 2 June**. On the day, there will be Holy Mass at **10:00**, followed by Holy Rosary, act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. At **13:00**, there will be Fatima talk & film, followed by enrolment & investiture of the Brown Scapular and Holy Hour. The event will conclude with benediction at **16:00**. For enquiry, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

- **'PILGRIMS OF HOPE' PENTECOST WALK – Sunday 8 June 2025**

This year's walk will start at the Anglican Cathedral and move to the Metropolitan Cathedral along Hope Street. The theme this year is our Jubilee theme: 'Pilgrims of Hope'. There are lots of exciting things planned for the day – save the date. Parishes and groups are invited to come along with banners which can be carried in the procession.

- **THE NATIONAL JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE, Saturday 13 – Sunday 14 September 2025**

The Pilgrimage of Hope is a national walking pilgrimage with four main Ways converging at the **Cathedral of St Barnabas, Nottingham**, on **Saturday 13 September 2025**, for shared prayer and celebration. The Pilgrimage will culminate with Solemn Mass for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross at **11:15 14 September 2025** at St Barnabas' Cathedral. The Pilgrimage will embody the values of the Sisters of the Holy Cross of compassion, faith, prayer and community.

- [Pilgrimage Walk | The Pilgrimage of Hope](#) – registration opens **April 2025**

RETREATS/SPIRITUALITY

- **IRENAEUS: COME AND SEE DAY 'THE WONDER OF PRAYER': 4 May**

An exploration of the Resurrection stories, followed by Mass, at the **Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD. 10:00 – 16:00** This session, led by Allegra Mutanda, originally from the DR Congo, has extensive experience in evangelisation and parish ministry. Since 2020, she has been the Director of Evangelisation and Leadership at the Parish of St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs. For more information contact Jenny, 0151 9491199 or jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

- **IRENAEUS: GLIMPSES OF RESURRECTION: 7, 14 & 21 May**

An exploration of the Resurrection stories. Chris Thomas will share on the resurrection stories in the Gospels and how it challenges us today, followed by Mass, at the **Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD. 10:30-12:00 noon**

- **IRENAEUS: DEMENTIA AWARENESS: 19 May**

An exploration of the Resurrection stories, followed by Mass, at the **Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD. 14:00 – 15:00** This session, led by Sr. Moira on behalf of the Alzheimer's Society, will focus on raising awareness of dementia. We will discuss ways to recognize and support individuals living with dementia



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YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS:

• FCJ YOUNG ADULT NETWORK – UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Friday 23 – Sunday 25 May:** FCJ Vocations Weekend <https://bit.ly/FCJVocationWeekend>
- **Sunday 8 – Sunday 15 June** Volunteering Catholic Social Action – Liverpool fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com
- **Monday 23 – Sunday 29 June:** Urban Gardening & Ecology – London info@fcjhouse-somerstown.co.uk
- **Monday 28 July – Sunday 3 August:** MAGIS Pilgrimage to Rome <https://bit.ly/MAGIS-Rome2025>
- More information from [Young Adults - Faithful Companions of Jesus](#)



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IMPORTANT ARCHDIOCESAN DATES – SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday 1 May and Thursday 15 May	Animate Confirmation – Catholic Schools
Saturday 17 May	Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Walk and Mass – St Anne & Blessed Dominic, St Helen's
Monday 2 June	Visit of Fatima Statue and Relics at the Cathedral
Sunday 8 June	'Pilgrims of Hope' Pentecost Walk - Cathedrals
Sunday 22 June	The Mass for new Catholics
Sunday 24 August	Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Walk and Mass – St Oswald & St Edmund Arrowsmith, Ashton
Saturday 20 September	Care for Creation Walk and Mass – St Mary's, Aughton

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