



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/

NOTE: In light of feedback, we will be posting Archdiocesan related news, resources, and events in the bulletin. We are in the process of setting up a notice board on the website where other information can be housed.

REFLECTION

This month world leaders prepare to meet for the UN Climate Summit, the 28th Conference of Parties (COP28). We pray for them to find their prophetic voice and be inspired to act justly. We also reflect on our roles as leaders – acknowledging that we all leaders in some way - as family members, people in communities and parishes, or in work. We ask that we too are guided in these roles, to love faithfulness, and to walk humbly with our God. This prayer is taken from CAFOD:

God of blessings,
the universe sings of your glory.
Deepen our gratitude for all you have made
and awaken in us a renewed commitment
to care for the earth and each other.

Inspire world leaders at COP28,
with openness to listen to those most affected by climate change
and with courage to act urgently and wisely,
so that our common home may be healed and restored
and all people, and generations to come, may delight in it. *Amen*

UPDATE FROM THE LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE

• **VATICAN II LECTURES**

The next Vatican II lecture will take place on 7th December with Prof. Paul McPartlan (Catholic University of America) on *Lumen Gentium: Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*. The seminar begins at 3pm at Liverpool Hope University and the lecture starts at 5.30. The lecture can also be attended online through zoom. Places are limited, so please book your free tickets here <http://bit.ly/3Ql4e5R>

• **LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION: COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT MEMBER?**



The Commission exists to: stimulate awareness of the need for justice and peace; understand these needs in the light of the Gospel and the Church's social teaching; and encourage action. It meets 6 times a year, and contributes towards the social action work of the Archdiocese through conferences and events. Read this month's NW J&P newsletter, and find out more about becoming a Commission member by contacting p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk

- **FACILITATION TRAINING**

We are now offering training for people in our parishes who lead groups. Whether they're 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 that can support the facilitation of your group moving forward. If you're interested in arranging a workshop for your parish or deanery, please contact e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk

- **COST OF LIVING ASSEMBLY – 16th November 2023, 7-8.30pm (online)**

This Assembly is co-hosted by Together Liverpool, a social justice charity of the Diocese of Liverpool and Church Urban Fund, with the Archdiocese of Liverpool's social action coordinator. The main speaker is from the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) will talk about working for lasting change, and the new Let's End Poverty movement. For more information and registration: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/network-of-kindness-cost-of-living-assembly-november-2023-tickets-731798477947?aff=oddtcreator>

- **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: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers

RESOURCES AND EVENTS

- **(CANTONESE) RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

We extend a warm invitation to individuals aged 18 and above who are interested in exploring and deepening their understanding of the Catholic faith. All fellow believers are also welcome to join us on this journey of Catholic faith. Period: 5th September 2023 – 19th May 2024.

The RCIA program consists of two components:

1. ZOOM Meetings: Tuesdays, 8-9:30 pm, throughout the program period; AND
2. Physical Gatherings: on 3rd Saturday of each month at the Metropolitan Cathedral, Christ the King (Mt. Pleasant, Liverpool L3 5TQ)

The language medium for the program is Cantonese. For Enquiry : 0740 3489931 (Flora)

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