



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

As we journey towards Easter, we remember all those in sacramental preparation. The scripture below, used over the last few weeks, is also a reminder to us all about putting ourselves before the Lord and offering ourselves as a servant, as Samuel did.

Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Samuel 1:4-10

UPDATE FROM THE LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE

• **RCIA THE MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS**

We are celebrating the Mass for New Catholics on **Thursday 20 June at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral at 7pm and will be celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm**. Anyone who has been received into the church, both this year and previous years are welcome to attend with their families, friends and Catechists.

• **AN INTRODUCTION TO VATICAN II**

An in-person study retreat day exploring Vatican II is being offered in collaboration with the Light of Truth Dominican Sisters who will introduce us to the Second Vatican Council, the outcomes of



Vatican II and its impact on the world today. This would be perfect for anyone who is looking to explore this important event for the first time, as well as for anyone who is looking to reflect on and revisit the year of the Council. This event is being offered for free. If you have any questions, please contact e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk To book your place, please register here:

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

- **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

- **CARDS TO THE HOLY LAND**

The current list of names and addresses of parishes in the Holy Land and essential information is available for those parishes or groups in the Archdiocese wanting to send greetings cards this Easter. Available here <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ministries/commissions/justice-peace>

- **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

- **LOOKING TOWARDS THE CROSS: Irenaeus Centre, 5-26 March 7.00pm-8.30pm**

Lenten evenings hosted at the Irenaeus Centre conclude with Tuesday 26 March (7.00pm-8.30pm). Zoom links and further information available by emailing jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or calling 0151 949 1199.

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 10.00am – 4.00pm. Simply sit, look, and let God speak....so if you're passing, you'll all be very welcome!

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



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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 to Sunday 31 March**
Limited residential and non-residential places available for the triduum retreat at the Irenaeus Centre so please book early. For further details email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 0151 949 1199.
- **COME AND SEE, THE POWER OF THE SACRAMENTS - Led by Fr. Pat Collins, Saturday 4 May 2024**
For more information, please contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 01519491199.
- **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAY, 27 April 2024**
Parishes are invited to booked places by emailing jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 01519491199.
- **WOMENS WEEKEND AT IRENAEUS: MARY IN A WORLD OF MARTHA? 14-16 June 2024**
Limited residential spaces available. For more information, please contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 01519491199.
- **POUR OUT YOUR GRACE AS AT A NEW PENTECOST, with guest speaker Michelle Moran, Saturday 11 May 2024, 10am-4pm**
Event hosted at the Irenaeus Centre. For more information, please contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 01519491199.



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Youth Ministry: Animate <https://www.animateyouth.org/>

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