



# PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN

## **LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

For the current week's readings and Saints please look at Liturgy Office [www.liturgyoffice.org.uk](http://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/](https://www.catholicireland.net/saints_category/saints/)

## **UPDATE FROM THE LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE**

As we approach the general election this second reflection is a piece of scripture that enables us to think about decision makers. This is the Parable of the Widow who persistently asks a judge for justice

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'"

*Luke 18: 1-8*

We are bearers of that faith and in the coming weeks we can help our fellow parishioners to do likewise in defence of the poorest and most vulnerable! As Pope Francis says:

"With our faith, we must create a culture of encounter in which we find brothers and sisters, in which we can also speak with those who think differently."

### **• 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 received into the church, both this year and previous years are welcome to attend with their families, friends, and Catechists.



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- **CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Archdiocese of Liverpool, 10.00-3.30, 4th July 2024, Liverpool.**

This partnership event between Housing Justice, Together Liverpool and the Archdiocese of Liverpool will bring together parishioners in a space to reflect on social action – through the lens of housing, homelessness and land. Book here

<https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/1yerqfks>

- **CERTIFICATE IN CATHOLIC PASTORAL LEADERSHIP  
– WITH LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY**

Are you involved in any ministry in the Church? Are you interested in doing more for the Church? Do you want to expand your skills in pastoral leadership? A new online course in Catholic Pastoral Leadership might be what you are looking for.

Liverpool Hope University has partnered with several Catholic dioceses across England and Wales to help people like you to gain fresh perspectives on Scripture and Church teaching. You will look at real-world issues in the light of our tradition and consider the best ways of exploring Christian faith and life with others.

You will take 4 modules over 2 years:

- The Word of God
- The Synodal Church
- Dimensions of Christian Life
- The Church's Mission in the World

You will follow the course online and will do most of the work at a time to suit yourself – with occasional synchronous sessions.

There are two ways you can take this course. All students will review the material presented online and do some assessed work to complete the course (total cost £1900). Or you can take this course as a postgraduate certificate (60 credits) at extra cost and with additional work (total cost £2400).

Funding may be available from Liverpool Archdiocese so that we can bring these acquired skills and knowledge into our ministries and find new ways and opportunities to help others explore and expand on their faith. To find out more, please email [training@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:training@rcaol.org.uk) There will be a Zoom information session, 7.00-8.30pm on Monday 22nd July which will provide you with more information.

- **ADOREMUS LIVERPOOL**

A DAY OF Eucharistic Pilgrimage for the Archdiocese to 'The Met' will be taking place on **Saturday 21 September at 9am until 6pm.** In advance of the Jubilee Year 2025, and in



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celebration of this Year of Prayer, we will be celebrating mass, offering confessions, a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a Eucharistic Procession with plenty of time for prayer and reflection. Watch this space for more information over coming weeks.

- **MUSIC AT THE MET 2024**

During 2024 the Metropolitan Cathedral are celebrating the return of their restored grand organ with a series of concerts and events that will demonstrate the versatility of the instrument.

- **Two Cathedral Choirs with Ian Tracey**, Sunday 7 July, 15.00
- **Summer Organ Recital by Peter Kwater**, Sunday 4 August, 14.00
- **Summer Organ Recital by Dan Mansfield**, Sunday 11 August, 14.00

For more information, please call 01517087283 or email [music@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:music@metcathedral.org.uk)

- **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](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers)

## **RESOURCES AND EVENTS**

- **CELEBRATING ST IRENAEUS FEAST AT THE IRENAEUS PROJECT, Friday 28 June**

Starting with a 5pm Mass then a summer garden fayre including tombolas, raffle, crafts, and cake.

- **COME AND SEE: THE POWER OF WELCOME, Saturday 6 July, led by Richard Mckay**

Suggested donation of £10, please bring a packed lunch. For more information, please contact [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or call 01519491199.

- **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAY, Saturday 5 October**

Parishes are invited to book places by emailing [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or calling 01519491199.



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