



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 approach the general election, this third reflection is a video from the Archbishop. Recorded for CAFOD and available on their social media feed <https://x.com/CAFOD/status/1806390407615431152>

Here is a reproduction of the Catholic Bishops message on the importance of participating in elections.

"Gospel values inform how we look at the world as Christians. These values can also offer a different way of looking at politics, a way that puts the common good before self-interest.

Throughout this election season we will be seeking answers which will help the poor, the marginalised, and the vulnerable. We seek a society in which all families can flourish and where we care for our common home, where we offer a welcoming hand to strangers in need, where we look out for those struggling to get on. Families are the heart of our communities and society.

We seek, therefore, political leaders who can reflect and share these values. But this is not just about leaders, it is about us. We are not merely the passive recipients of politics but active citizens. An election is the best time for us as Christians to speak out, to get involved, and to lead. We hope that these resources will help in that endeavour."

CBCEW website

UPDATE FROM THE LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE

• CERTIFICATE IN CATHOLIC PASTORAL LEADERSHIP WITH LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY: Beginning at the end of September 2024

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



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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

The course can be followed online, and you can 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 about funding from the archdiocese, please email 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. Or to contact Liverpool Hope University directly:

<https://www.hope.ac.uk/postgraduate/postgraduatecourses/catholicpastoralleadershippgcert/>

• **OSCOTT ADOREMUS EVENT 2024: St Mary's College, Oscott, 14 September.**

The Catholic Church in England and Wales: bishops, priests and people from all dioceses, will gather at the College for a day of renewing and deepening devotion to the Eucharist. Around 1,500 Catholics in total are expected.

For those who would like to go, our Archdiocese has organised a coach, which will depart from St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA on Saturday 14 September at 8.00am in time for a 10.15 arrival at Oscott with events beginning at 11.00am. The last event finishes at 6.00pm and we are aiming to return to the St Margaret Clitherow Centre by 8.00pm. The cost per person is £20.

To book a place: www.archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/zm5sh2jf

Any questions or queries, please contact Fr Ged Callacher on g.callacher@rcaol.org.uk

• **ADOREMUS LIVERPOOL: Saturday 21 September 2024**

Following the national Adoremus gathering, the Archbishop has decided that we will have a similar event for the archdiocese. This will take place at the **Metropolitan Cathedral** and at the Co-Cathedral of **Saint Mary of the Isle** on 21 September 2024. This is part of our preparation for the Great Jubilee 2025, to come together as the archdiocesan family in this "year of prayer", called for by Pope Francis.

At the Metropolitan Cathedral:



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- Mass will take place at 9am and 5pm
- Adoration and confession will take place between 10am and 5pm
- Workshops and further details are to be announced

All are welcome.

For more details about the Jubilee, please visit:

<https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/departments/pastoral-development/jubilee>

• **WORLD HUNGER DAY 2024**

It is shocking to know that there is enough food produced in the world yet in 2024 around 783 million people still go hungry. Knowsley is the second most deprived area in England with one in five children living in poverty. Knowsley Foodbank's mission is to ensure that no one in Knowsley goes hungry. If this is something your school/church can support you can contact our foodbank team on 0151 673 1250 to arrange collection.

• **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
- **Summer Organ Recital: Peter Morrison**, Sunday 18 August, 14.00
- **Summer Organ Recital: Andrew Sharples**, Sunday 25 August, 14.00
- **Summer Organ Recital: Zakariya Raoudi and James Vowles-Wang**, Sunday 1 September, 14.00
- **24-hour Musicathon**, Friday 27 – Saturday 28 September

For more information, please call 01517087283 or email music@metcathedral.org.uk

RESOURCES AND EVENTS

• **CAFOD public speaking training Saturday 13 July, 11am & Tuesday 16 July, 7pm**

CAFOD is running an hour's training on Zoom for people who would like to build their confidence in public speaking in church – whether on behalf of CAFOD, or another parish or charity cause.

Registration link here: https://cafod.formstack.com/forms/speaking_at_mass_training



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• IRENAEUS EVENTS

- **Come and see day: the power of welcome**, led by Rev Richard McKay, **Saturday 6 July**, 10.00-16.00 at the Irenaeus Centre. Suggested donation of £10, please bring a packed lunch.
- **Scripture mornings: 4, 11, 18, 25 July**, 10.30-12.00 at the Irenaeus Centre
- **Eucharistic ministry training day: Saturday 5 October**. The Irenaeus Centre will be leading a Eucharistic ministry training day. Parishes are invited to book places.
- **An exploration of the letter to the Ephesians**: led by Rev Chris Thomas, **4, 11, 18, 25 July**, 10.30-12.00, the Irenaeus Centre

For more information or to book a place, please contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 01519491199.

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

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

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