



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

On Thursday 15th August the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. On November 1, 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Church: "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven."

In St Luke's Gospel at Holy Mass we hear the words of the Blessed Virgin when she greets her cousin, Elizabeth:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.
Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me.

Holy is his name,

and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.

He has shown the power of his arm,

he has routed the proud of heart.

He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

The Blessed Virgin was chosen and called by God and she responded in great humility and trust – may we imitate her faith in our own lives, believing in God's providence; His faithfulness, mercy and love that he pours upon us unceasingly.

Lord, let my own heart rejoice and be glad for the many blessings that You bestow on me each day.



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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 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 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



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

Following the national Adoremus gathering, the Archbishop has decided that we will have a similar event within 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**. The event itself is free and available to all. Come and join us to adore the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

At the **Metropolitan Cathedral**, there will be Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day from 10am until 5pm, Holy Mass, opportunities for confession, a variety of workshops and a shared time of prayer during the day for all.

In advance of the Jubilee year 2025, this Adoremus event will reflect on the themes of Care for Creation, Food Poverty, Modern Slavery, Managing Debt, Forgiveness and Rest as well as our own personal concerns and prayers. The workshops provide an opportunity for developing our own spirituality, and to discern what the Jubilee year might mean for us in our own lives. A timetable can be found below.

9am – Holy Mass and Exposition	13.15 – Workshop 4
10am – Adoration begins	14.00 – Holy Hour, Eucharistic Procession and Benediction
10.15 – Workshop 1	15.15 – Workshop 5
11.15 – Workshop 2	17.00 – Mass and Children’s Liturgy
12.15 – Workshop 3	

Booking for the event is not required. Tea and coffee will be available in the Gibberd Room for those attending the event. You would be more than welcome to bring your own food, as food will not be available. Information will be provided about workshops over coming weeks.

For more details about the Jubilee, please visit:

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

• **READERS TRAINING FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE LITURGY COMMISSION**

Prayer, reflection, and practical reader training will be offered at the following:

- St Julie’s, Eccleston, WA10 6SE – Saturday 28 September (10.00-13.00)
- Christ the King Parish Club, Childwall, L16 6AW – Saturday 5 October (10.00-13.00)
- Irenaeus, Waterloo, L22 1RD – Saturday 19 October (10.00-13.00)
- St Mary’s Community Centre, Leyland, PR25 1PD – Saturday 2 November (10.00-13.00)

Lunch will take place after the sessions and attendees are advised to bring their own packed lunch. For more information and to book your place please email

pa.stmaryleyland@rcaol.org.uk

• **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.



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- **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
- **BBC Radio 3 Choral Evening Prayer**, Wednesday 9 October, 15.00
- **Cologne Cathedral Choir**, Sunday 13 October, 11.00
- **Bruckner and Saint-Saëns**, Saturday 19 October, 19.00

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

RESOURCES & EVENTS

● **'POWER FROM ON HIGH' REFLECTIONS ON THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

The Irenaeus Centre will host several reflections on the Acts of the Apostles every Thursday throughout September from 10.30-12.00. For more information including zoom links, please email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 0151 949 1199.

● **EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAY**

The Irenaeus project will lead a Eucharistic ministry training day on Saturday 5th October 2024. Parishes are invited to book places by emailing jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or Tel: 0151 949 1199.

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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The Irenaeus Project <https://www.irenaeus.co.uk/>

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

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