



# 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/)

## **REFLECTION**

In October we celebrate the diversity of our churches, leaders and saints including St Martin de Porres, St. Peter Claver and Sister Thea Bowman. When turning our hearts to racial justice we are encouraged to pray the words of Pope Francis taken from his encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti – on fraternity and social friendship*:

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,  
reflected in all the peoples of the earth,  
so that we may discover anew  
that all are important and all are necessary,  
different faces of the one humanity  
that God so loves.

*Amen.*

## **UPDATE FROM THE LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE**

### **● INTERFAITH REFLECTIONS ON TRAGIC EVENTS IN SOUTHPORT**

*Sefton Faiths Forum – Wednesday 2nd of October, 10am -11am by zoom*

Bridging the Gap – interfaith relationships following the events in Southport.' Dr Selwyn Goldthorpe, Chairman of Southport and District Reformed Synagogue and Imam Ibrahim Hussein, Southport Mosque. You can book on to the meeting using the link here -

<https://www.directory.seftoncvcs.org.uk/civicism/event/info?id=436&reset=1>

### **● READERS TRAINING FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE LITURGY COMMISSION**

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

- 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)



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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](mailto: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.

- **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
- **Advent Sequence**, Sunday 1 December, 17.00
- **Bach and Handel**, Sunday 8 December, 15.00
- **A Celebration of Christmas**, Saturday 14 December, 19.00
- **A Ceremony of Carols**, Sunday 15 December, 15.00

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

## **RESOURCES & EVENTS**

### • **BLACK HISTORY MONTH – OCTOBER 2024**

This year's theme for Black History Month is "Reclaiming Narratives," seeking to recognise and correct the narratives of Black history and culture. For resources go to <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/> or <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice/>

### • **PEACE WALK INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NONVIOLENCE, WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER**

You are invited to join Pax Christi, Liverpool, in a Walk for peace, gathering at Lime St Station (Platform 9) at 11.50am before proceeding to the Cenotaph and Peace Garden, and stopping at places where we will pray, and pass on the message of the power and value of nonviolent peace making.

### • **NEW FCJ COMPANIONS IN MISSION GROUP IN MERSEYSIDE**

Companions in Mission are a group of lay women and men called and committed to companionship with Jesus. Sharing the FCJ Charism, Companions in Mission members support each other in living out their Christian commitment in their everyday lives, reaching out to all God's people, especially those in need. Currently there are 11 countries where Companions in Mission groups are active, many of which are countries where FCJ sisters live and minister. The FCJ sisters hope to start a new Companions in Mission group in Merseyside. The group would meet six times throughout the year on weekday evenings (6.30-8.30pm) during



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preparation time, including a weekend retreat day. An **information evening** has been organised for **Thursday 3 October from 7pm at the FCJ Centre St Hugh's, Liverpool**. For more information and to attend the information evening please contact Sr Lynne FCJ: Email: [FCJCentreStHughes@gmail.com](mailto:FCJCentreStHughes@gmail.com)  
Tel: 0151 733 5475  
or visit the FCJ website - <https://www.fcjsisters.org/companions-in-mission/>

- **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAY**

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

- **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS**

The Charismatic Service of Communion are facilitating the 'Life in the Spirit Seminars' at the Irenaeus Centre (Waterloo, L22 1RD) on **Tuesday 15, 22, 29 October and 5, 12, 19 November (7-8.30pm)** to recognise the work of the Holy Spirit. To aide sharing and support during seminars the organisers ask, where possible, for attendees to come along to the Irenaeus Centre. However, Zoom links can be requested to watch the presentation for prayer groups to participate in their own "hub" venues. Sharing will take place at hubs if attendees cannot make it to the Irenaeus Centre.

For any further information, and if you require a link, email [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.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)



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