

Newsletter Extra

OCTOBER 2024

Readers Training



The Liturgy Commission are offering Parish Readers (existing or new) an opportunity to come together for some practical training and reflection on their important ministry. Readers are welcome to come to any of the following mornings:

Saturday 5 October

Christ the King Parish Club, Childwall, L16 6AW

Saturday 19 October

Irenaeus, Waterloo, L22 1RD

Saturday 2 November

St Mary's Community Centre, Leyland, PR25 1PD

10.00 am to 1.00 pm (followed by lunch – please bring a packed lunch). To reserve a place, please contact pa.stmaryleyland@rcaol.org.uk

Could you be a Deacon?



The Archbishop will host two Diaconate Information Evenings – Thursday 5 December at Bishop Eton in Liverpool, and Thursday 23 January 2025 at St John's in Wigan. Each evening will begin at 7.30 pm and will end by 9.00 pm. Refreshments available from 7.00 pm.

The evenings are open to anyone who would like to find out more about the diaconate, especially men who are wondering if they may be called to this ministry. Wives and supporting priests and deacons are also very welcome. For more information, please email Deacon Paul Rooney: p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk

Risley Prison

Fr James Fasakin, CSSp, is looking for a pianist/organist/keyboarder who could play for the 2.00 pm Sunday Mass at Risley Prison. Can you help or do you know someone who could? Please let Fr Dave know. Many thanks.



Ecumenical Service for Peace in the Holy Land

Wednesday 6 November at 7.00 pm

*Our Lady of the Assumption Church,
Hedgefield Road, Gateacre, Liverpool L25 2RW*

Archbishop Malcolm will lead a time of prayer for peace at this time of increased violence, hatred, fear and mistrust in the Holy Land. Canon Mark Madden will preach. Through the Word of God, stillness, reflection and song we are invited to be united in our cry for peace. All are welcome!

Fifty Faces of the Holy Land Photographic Exhibition

31 October - 12 November 2024

Open 8.30 am to 1.30 pm each day

*Our Lady of the Assumption Church,
Hedgefield Road, Gateacre, Liverpool L25 2RW*

A photographic and audio exhibition of the lives of the people in Israel, Gaza and the Occupied Territories. Learn what it is to live in a land that is known by so many to be 'holy'. Come and discover the real lives of the people in the region marked with its history, its diversity, its joy and suffering, and light a candle for peace. All welcome. For more information about the exhibition: <https://theholylan.org.uk/home/50faces/>



Torch Trust for the Blind

Sight Loss Friendly Church (SLFC) is an exciting initiative to help churches become more accessible for people with sight loss.

Introduction to SLFC on Zoom (45 minutes)

Thursday 14 November at 2.00 pm

Registration Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZllceqpgT8vHdbre1Ekzi5oMpsYOxGg5HQr>

The session will cover a brief overview of what it means to be a sight loss friendly church. There is an interactive element in the form of an informal quiz, personal stories and videos about sight loss and an overview of our services.



Bruckner and Saint-Saëns

Saturday 19 October at 7.00 pm

The Choir of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral will be joined by the Liverpool Mozart Orchestra to present a programme of music by Bruckner and Saint-Saëns. This is an opportunity to hear the restored grand organ of the Cathedral featured in Saint-Saëns' popular Third Symphony, affectionately known as the 'Organ Symphony'. In celebration of Anton Bruckner's 200th anniversary, the Cathedral Choir will sing three of Bruckner's best-known motets, before combining with the Liverpool Mozart Orchestra and soloists to complete the programme with his mighty 'Te Deum'.

Tickets: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral>

Forthcoming Musical Events

BBC Radio 3 Choral Evening Prayer

Wednesday 9 October at 3.00 pm

Cologne Cathedral Choir

Sunday 13 October at the 11.00 am Mass

Advent Sequence

Sunday 1 December at 5.00 pm

Bach and Handel

Sunday 8 December at 3.00 pm

A Celebration of Christmas

Saturday 14 December at 7.00 pm

A Ceremony of Carols

Sunday 15 December at 3.00 pm

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



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 (7.00 - 8.30 pm) 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

Shrine Friends

Blessed Sacrament Shrine in Liverpool City Centre will be holding drop-in sessions for anyone of any faith who needs someone to talk to. The sessions will take place on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month from 2.15 to 4.15 pm. The project is sponsored by the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament and supported by their colleagues at Samaritans who work with them.

Useful Websites

The Bible and Catholics – The God who Speaks:

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk>

Bishops' Conference of England & Wales:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk>

Archdiocese of Liverpool:

<https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk>

Independent Catholic News:

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com>

PILGRIMAGES

Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2025

As part of the Jubilee Year 2025, there will be a Pilgrimage of Hope to Walsingham – Monday 26 May to Thursday 29 May. Half board including travel: Adults from £310 - £370, Children from £220 - £250. If you're interested, please contact Chris on 07587 046985.

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2025

Next year's Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 23 July to 1 August for those aged 15 (or in Year 10) to 22. Price: £710. Apply online from 7 October at www.liverpoolourdesyouth.co.uk or scan the QR code on the church noticeboard. Thanks to a legacy left to support young people, the parish will pay the full cost for any young parishioner who would like to go on the pilgrimage! Just let Fr Dave know if you want to go.

Pilgrim's Progress to Rome 2025

Pilgrim's Progress to Rome, an eight-day trek in Autumn 2025, is a charity fundraising challenge organised by the charity Life. Life supports women in unexpected and crisis pregnancies and those experiencing pregnancy loss. For more information, email emilytraynor@lifecharity.org.uk

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