

# Newsletter Extra

**DECEMBER 2025**

## Afternoon Tea with Frank Sinatra & Friends

The Irenaeus Centre is hosting a 'Songs We Remember' (dementia-friendly) Christmas Celebration on Wednesday 10 December, 2.00 – 4.00 pm. For more information, please contact the Irenaeus Centre.

## "What can I bring him!"

*Advent Evening at Irenaeus*

The Irenaeus Centre are hosting an Advent evening on Wednesday 10 December from 7.00 – 8.30 pm. For more information and zoom links, please contact [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)

## A Celebration of Christmas

Saturday 13 December at 7.00 pm  
*Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral*

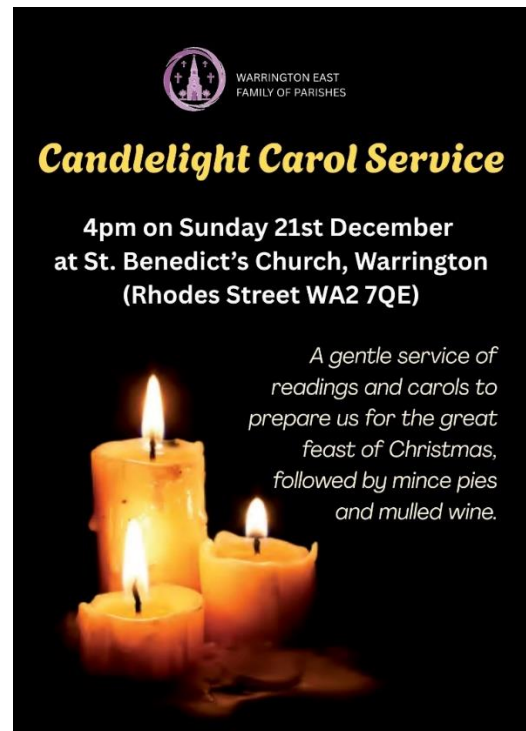


## International Carol Service

**St Alban's Church, Bewsey**

**Sunday 14 December at 2.00 pm**

An invitation is extended to all our parishes to contribute and get together with family and friends to share Christmas songs and stories from your home countries. If you would like to be involved or have any questions, please contact Anne Preston on 07913 006537 or [anne.preston@ntlworld.com](mailto:anne.preston@ntlworld.com) Thank you



## Archdiocesan Youth Adult Group

The Archdiocesan Young Adult Group meets fortnightly at the Pauline Book Centre (84 Church Street, Liverpool L1 3AY). From 6.30 – 8.00 pm on Tuesday 16 December, Fr Hugh Donleavy will deliver a faith-based talk entitled 'Is Scripture Outdated?' There will also be social time with food and refreshment. Anyone aged 18-35 would be most welcome. Please sign up online if you are interested to join us:

<https://forms.office.com/e/3A8CKHijnD?origin=lprLink>

For enquiries, please contact Moses at [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)



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# MARRIAGE PREPARATION CATECHIST TRAINING

Would YOU like to help an engaged couple prepare for marriage?

The archdiocese is now recruiting catechists to join the marriage preparation team. Upon completion of training, the catechists will be asked to offer a marriage preparation course twice a year.

*"I encourage Christian communities to recognise the great benefit that they themselves receive from supporting engaged couples as they grow in love."*  
(Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* 207).

## TRAINING SCHEDULE:

23 February, 2 March, 9 March,  
16 March, 23 March

(All Mondays)

6:30pm – 8pm

St Monica's Church  
Bootle, Liverpool  
L20 9GA

Scan the QR code to  
sign up or visit the  
link below:

<https://bit.ly/4oTUloD>

For enquiries, please contact Moses Mui  
at [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)



## Neurodiversity & Faith

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales and Birmingham Newman University are conducting research into Neurodiversity and our Faith. If you are an adult neurodivergent Catholic or a caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic, they would like to hear from you. Your experiences will help them to become more inclusive and responsive to your needs. To find out more and to complete the short surveys, please visit:

[www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys)



THE CHRISTIAN  
HERITAGE CENTRE  
at Stonyhurst

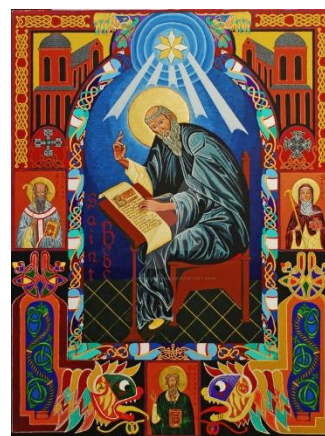
## Ignatian Spiritual Exercises

Mens' Retreat, 4 & 11 February 2026

A fantastic opportunity to experience St Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises in a 5-day, shortened form. The retreat will be guided by the monastic community of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France), who were founded with the specific charism of offering this version of the Exercises and with a particular apostolate to men. The retreat is open to men in all states of life who wish to seek God's will through a deepened detachment from the world. For more information and booking:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-retreat-spiritual-exercises-of-st-ignatius>

## In the Footsteps of St Bede



## Pilgrimage to the North East of England Northern Saints & Martyrs (25-28 May 2026)

Fr Mark Drew and the Parish of St Peter and St Michael, Woolston, extend an invitation to join them on a Pilgrimage to the North-East to follow in the footsteps of some of our Northern Saints and to understand the historical impact they had on our faith. For more information, **please pick up a brochure from the back of church.** Spaces are limited so, if you are interested, please contact Christine Hyatt as soon as possible via email [hyattchristine63@gmail.com](mailto:hyattchristine63@gmail.com) or phone 07484 653046 to book your place. Total cost is £350 – a deposit of £40 is required early January.



Check out what's going on in the Archdiocese:

[www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/events](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/events)

Pastoral Development Newsletter:

[www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/departments/pastoral-development](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/departments/pastoral-development)

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral:

<https://liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk>

Irenaeus Centre for Spirituality:

[www.irenaeus.co.uk](http://www.irenaeus.co.uk)

Animate Youth Ministries:

[www.animateyouth.org](http://www.animateyouth.org)

Catholic Church in England & Wales

[www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)