

# Newsletter Extra

JANUARY 2026

## Peace Sunday Memorial Lecture

The Archdiocese of Liverpool's Justice & Peace Commission invites you to this year's Peace Sunday Memorial Lecture on Sunday 18 January at 2.00 pm at St Vincent de Paul, Liverpool L1 5JN. In light of Pope Leo's recent World Day of Peace Message, Dr Joanna Frew will speak on "Towards an 'Unarmed and Disarming Peace': Seeking Sustainable Security for an Unstable World." All those who wish to deepen their understanding of Pope Leo's message, and reflect on what it means for us today, are warmly welcome to join us for this lecture. Please sign-up using one of the following links:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=PM621XT32U21f8Y1zmskbDJcNivFEmJNvz8x3h6zvspUNIY4RTVGQkFHNkhWVjlTERMOUk5Q0g1Ny4u&route=shorturl>



## Liverpool Archdiocesan Online Alpha Course

Beginning on Thursday 15 January for 11 weeks at 6.45 pm, the Archdiocese is offering an Online Alpha Course for anyone wishing to explore life, faith and meaning. If you or someone you know is looking to meet new people and explore the Catholic faith together, Alpha is for anyone who is curious. No judgement, no pressure. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith and purpose and is designed to spark conversation.

If you'd like to find out more, please use one of the links below to fill out a contact form, or email [pd@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:pd@rcaol.org.uk)

<https://forms.office.com/e/dKrKG8Qg04>



## Adventurous Accompaniment Workshop



*Are you a DSC member, a chaplain or a catechist? Have you ever thought about how you can increase the awareness and confidence towards becoming an Adventurous Accompanier?*

Through the journey of a 6-week programme, including 3 full-day workshops, you will not only explore the core principles of accompaniment but also go in-depth to embed those principles in practice. All costs of the programme will be covered by the Archdiocese. Please register online if you are interested. Sign up here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/bE7TndtW9p?origin=lprLink>



### First Workshop

Saturday 7 February or Sunday 8 February

### Second Workshop

Saturday 28 February or Sunday 1 March

### Third Workshop

Saturday 21 March or Sunday 22 March

All **Saturday workshops** will take place at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Liverpool L17 1AA (10.00 am – 2.00 pm). All **Sunday workshops** will take place at St Joseph's, Penketh, Warrington WA5 2BB (12.00 – 4.00 pm). For enquiries, please contact Moses Mui, Training Coordinator, at [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)

## Marriage & Family Life Mass

Archbishop John Sherrington will celebrate the annual Marriage and Family Life Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday 8 February at 11.00 am. The Mass will include the renewal of marriage vows and a special blessing for those celebrating significant anniversaries. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gibberd Room.

For those couples who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary, please register online for a certificate (which can be collected on the day) here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/uE6amHrQ6w?origin=lprLink>

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

# 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



## Marriage Preparation Course



Are you planning to get married in the Catholic Church? Are you looking for some time out from the busy wedding planning, providing you and your partner with an opportunity to focus on your relationship and to learn more about each other?

The Archdiocese is now offering a marriage preparation course for engaged couples. The course will involve four sessions, meeting in a group with other couples. Led by trained lay facilitators, the course will help couples to develop skills which could facilitate good communication within their relationship and an understanding of unconditional love. The next course will be available in April 2026:

**Dates:** Thursdays 30 April, 7 May, 14 May, 21 May

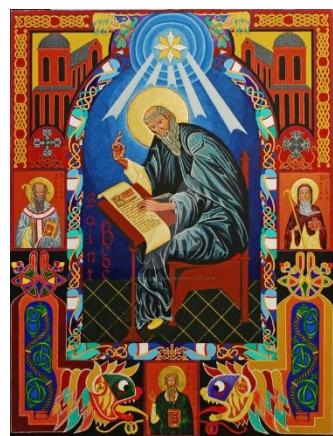
**Time:** 6.30 – 8.30 pm

**Venue:** St Agnes & St Aidan Church, Huyton,  
Liverpool L36 5SQ

There is a fee of £50 per couple to help towards materials and other expenses. Please book online here: <https://forms.office.com/e/hgy2JbUpy3?origin=lprLink>

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

## 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/department/pastoral-development](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/department/pastoral-development)

**Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral:**

[https://liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk](http://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)