

# Newsletter Extra

**MAY 2026**

## TOP TIPS FOR A HAPPIER MARRIAGE

Celebrating couples in the archdiocese

Come and join us for a fun evening, discovering ways to grow deeper in love for a happier marriage and a happier life!

The evening draws on Marriage Encounters' 50 years of wisdom and experience, based on scriptural truths, and might just be the gear change you didn't know you needed or thought possible.

**19 May 2026 | 19:30-20:30pm | ONLINE**  
Led by Deirdre & Russ Fairman,  
Leaders of Marriage Encounter England & Wales



Scan the QR code to register & attend or visit the link below:  
<https://archdioceseofliverpool.org/4tmmx1c>

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



### WHAT'S ON:

- Catechist & kerygma
- We believe
- We celebrate
- We pray
- Catholic social teaching
- Safeguarding
- Family catechesis
- Catechesis for people with additional needs

### DATE:

Wednesdays: 6 May, 13 May, 20 May,  
27 May, 3 June, 10 June, 17 June &  
Saturday 27 June

### VENUE:

St John Fisher Church, 55 Moorfield  
Road, Widnes, WA8 3JA

### TIME:

18:30-20:30

### BOOK HERE:

<https://forms.office.com/e/XWAbxjdc?origin=iprLink>

### MORE INFO:

[m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)



## GENERAL CATECHIST COURSE

If you are considering being catechist or are existing catechist (e.g. RCIA, first holy communion, confirmation etc) looking to refresh your knowledge, this course is for you.

### Continuing the Path of Synodality

Pope Leo has invited us to continue to embrace the journey of synodality. We are invited to reflect on the document that came from the final session of the Synod on Synodality called by Pope Francis that Pope Leo is now urging us to embrace at every level in the Church. Tuesdays, 7.00 - 8.30 pm, on 28 April, 5, 12, 19 May. To join the zoom meeting, use the weblink below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89983555285?pwd=VBTox3xbjiWrU8x00sbIUcGmnO97Xn.1>

Meeting ID: 899 8355 5285 Passcode: 981267

## YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 50TH ANNIVERSARY SHARE YOUR MEMORIES!

This year marks **50 years** of the **Archdiocesan Youth Pilgrimage** to Lourdes, and we'd love your help to celebrate this special milestone by sharing your memories.

Please send your memories and/or photos to [communications@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:communications@rcaol.org.uk) by **13 May**.

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### Two Cathedrals March All welcome!

**24 MAY 2026 · 3:00PM**

**Starts: Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral**

**Many Voices · One Faith**



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Missionaries of Charity

55 Seel Street Liverpool L1 4AZ

May Procession

Liverpool City Centre

30<sup>th</sup> May INVITATION 2 pm

Father Peter Ross of St Wilfrid's Parish Widnes, will lead the procession.

We begin at St Peters Square Seel Street, and continuing along Berry Street, Bold Street, Church Street, Whitechapel and to finish at the Blessed Sacrament Shrine, on Queens Square

A special Invitation is extended to those who are making their 1st Holy Communion

We need volunteers, please contact the Missionaries of Charity directly, or Jim Ross via email: [jimmy.ross7@gmail.com](mailto:jimmy.ross7@gmail.com)

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May

STARTING AT

St PETER'S SQ.

FINISHING AT

QUEENS SQUARE

## FRIENDS EVENT

SATURDAY 4 JULY 2026  
1PM TO 4PM



Step beneath the Cathedral into a hidden world! Have a glimpse into the vision and history that shaped our place of worship.

You are warmly invited to an exclusive guided tour of the Lutyens Crypt – a hidden architectural gem rich in atmosphere and heritage. Discover the vast, awe-inspiring underground space, hear its fascinating story, and experience a side of the Cathedral few ever see.

Following the tour, indulge in a delightful afternoon tea featuring delicate sandwiches and hand-crafted, artisan cakes.

A unique afternoon of story-telling, elegance, and quiet indulgence.



Lutyens Crypt  
Grade I Listed



£35 /PERSON

Email [friends@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:friends@metcathedral.org.uk) for your ticket  
Places are limited, so please sign up early to avoid disappointment.



Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral,  
Mount Pleasant,  
L3 5TQ

## A Flower Festival to celebrate the Cathedral's Diamond Jubilee 2027

The Cathedral is at the very early stage of planning a Flower Festival to mark its Diamond Jubilee next year. The dates they are looking at are: Friday 14 May – Monday 17 May 2027. The theme of the Festival will be 'Hope' in all its different forms.

They are reaching out to established and experienced individuals and groups who have a proven history of creating floral arrangements for their own parishes and similar settings. Their expertise, creativity and sensitivity would make a valuable contribution to this significant occasion.

If you are interested, please contact Claire Hanlon at [c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk) in the first instance. Further details regarding dates, exploration of the theme, and other practical arrangements will then be provided. Our team will be on hand to support participants throughout the process. We very much hope that your parishioners will consider being part of the special celebration which will become a part of the history of the Cathedral.

## YOUNG ADULTS PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI 29 NOVEMBER – 2 DECEMBER 2026

During the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of St Francis of Assisi, we're offering an exciting opportunity to people aged 18-35 to go to on pilgrimage to Assisi!

£990  
PER PERSON

£799 per person  
for the first 15 people  
from the archdiocese to book

Offer valid for bookings made by 17 April 2026

A LIMITED-TIME  
ADVANCE BOOKING  
OFFER IS  
CURRENTLY  
AVAILABLE!

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MORE INFORMATION  
AND BOOKING:

## Catholic Social Action Conference 10 July 2026

Whether you're involved in parish outreach, working for a faith-based charity, volunteering in your local community, or simply drawn to Catholic Social Teaching and Justice & Peace, you are invited to the Catholic Social Action Conference on 10 July 2026.

This annual Archdiocesan event brings together people committed to living out Catholic Social Teaching. It offers a welcoming space to meet others working towards social justice, learn and share experiences from the ground, and reflect on the key issues affecting social action today. This year, we will be exploring the risks and challenges to human flourishing for those working in social action. **Save the date.** *More details to follow.*

## Marriage Preparation Course

# FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

*Are you planning to get married in a 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 group with other couples. Led by trained lay facilitators, the course will help couples develop skills which could facilitate good communication within their relationship and an understanding of unconditional love set within a Catholic faith.

The next course will be available in June 2026:

**Dates: Thursdays 11, 18, 25 June and 2 July**

**Time: 6.30 – 8.30 pm**

**Venue: St Monica's Parish Centre, Bootle, Liverpool L20 9JD**

There is a fee of £50 per couple to help towards materials and other expenses. Please book online here: <https://forms.office.com/e/rXqwenub4P?origin=lprLink>

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

## Christian Heritage Centre



THE CHRISTIAN  
HERITAGE CENTRE  
at Stonyhurst

The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst is well worth a visit. It hosts all sorts of events for young people, couples and individuals. Check out the website here: <https://christianheritagecentre.com>

Forthcoming events include:

- ▶ Called to Love – Singles' Retreat
- ▶ Heart to Heart – Women's Retreat
- ▶ Byzantine Iconography – Residential Course
- ▶ Free Will & Grace – Cephas Course
- ▶ Traditional Roman Rite – Study Weekend
- ▶ Be Still & Know That I Am God – Weekend Retreat

On the website, you'll also find recordings of talks and lots of articles.



Liverpool Archdiocesan Council of the Guild of St. Stephen

## Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026

**25<sup>th</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**Price**  
£600 Sharing Per Person  
£750 Single Person

**Includes**  
Travel by Air-Conditioned Luxury Coach  
4 Nights Full Board 3 Star Hotel  
Excursion Programme  
Pick Up Points Arranged

**Excludes**  
ETIAS Visa for Europe 18-70 years Old  
Travel Insurance

**Spiritual Leader: TBC**

For More Information, Please Contact Rose Curry 07932 729896

Archdiocese of  
**Liverpool**

## What's Happening

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>

**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:**

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