

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 19 JULY 2026

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

For the current week's readings and Saints please look at *The Liverpool Ordo*, Liturgy Office

www.liturgyoffice.org.uk and **Universalis** (Liverpool/IOM).

GOOD NEWS

- **NEW PASTORAL TEAM MEMBER**

My name is Zachary and I'm happy to be the newest member of the pastoral development department, working as the new Administrator. I am excited to take this new opportunity in my stride whilst having just celebrated getting married! I look forward to helping the Archdiocese in its mission moving forward.

- **CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION CONFERENCE 10TH JULY**

Over 70 people joined us for the successful 'Humanitas: Flourishing in Action' Catholic Social Action Conference at the Cathedral last Friday.

Jenny Sinclair read the signs of our times in her keynote presentation, "From Service to Communion: Exploring Humanitas for Our Time" which was helpful, stimulating, and challenging. Key figures from Liverpool City Council, the Liverpool City Region, Liverpool University, and Churches Together in the Merseyside Region joined a panel to discuss keeping the person and local civic structures at the heart of AI developments. Pope Leo's 'Magnifica Humanitas' was recognised as a great gift to the world. There was a real buzz among the participants, new connections were made, and everyone went away with a sense of how they are called to respond to the call of the Holy Spirit.

Archbishop John called the day inspiring and was deeply impressed by the young leaders from Million Minutes who led an inspiring workshop. Afterwards, they told us, "What a brilliant day! Our young leaders were buzzing on the way home, really enthused by the day and delighted to be invited to be in a space that often they are not invited into. They left feeling really inspired to continue to raise their voices and share their experiences and ideas."



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ACCOMPANIMENT

- **SAVE THE DATE: ADVENTUROUS ACCOMPANIMENT DAY WORKSHOP**
19 September at St Margaret Clitherow Centre

"In the relationship of accompaniment, [we] are provided a space in which [we] can come to deeply know the love of Jesus Christ through friendship, guidance, and authenticity..." Whether you are new to the concept of accompaniment, or regularly incorporate it, this workshop is for you. There is no cost and we would just ask that you bring your own lunch.

Sign up here <https://forms.office.com/e/9zxSLAndhm>

For enquiries, please contact Moses Mui, Training Coordinator at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION

- **RETREAT DAY – FRANCIS: A SAINT FOR TODAY?**

With Hazel Bradley of the L'Arche Community – Saturday 1st August 9.30am for a 10am start finishing 4pm, St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Blundell Avenue, Freshfield, Formby, L37 1PH.

Sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/r1T8RkZshD>

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

- **ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP (aged 18-35)**

The Archdiocesan Young Adult Group meet fortnightly at the **Pauline Book Centre (L1 3AY)**. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 21 July**. Fr Peter Murphy is going to celebrate the Mass of Thanksgiving with us at **6.30pm**, followed by an end-of-year dinner near Bold Street. Please book a place for dinner here <https://forms.office.com/e/DXxa0DtBt8?origin=lpLink> For enquiries, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

- **LAST CHANCE PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI FOR YOUNG ADULTS (DISCOUNT AVAILABLE)**

These are the final few weeks for you to sign up for this wonderful opportunity to visit Assisi during the anniversary year of St Francis.

Organised in partnership with McCabe Travel, the Archdiocese is organising the pilgrimage to Assisi for young adults aged 18-35, taking place from **29 November to 2 December 2026**. For the first 15 people from Liverpool Archdiocese to book, there is a discount price of £799 (the full price is £990). <https://www.mccabe-travel.co.uk/pilgrimages/st-francis-and-st-carlo-acutis-with-the-archdiocese-of-liverpool/> For enquiries, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk.

- **PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING YOUNG ADULTS PRAYER GROUP**

All Portuguese-speaking young adults are welcome to join a monthly gathering for prayer, friendship, and faith at **St Michael and All Angels Church, Kirkby, L32**. For enquiries, please get in touch by jovenscatolicosemliverpool@gmail.com.



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- **LECTIO FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

A lectio prayer group for young adults meets every **Friday at 18:00** at St Vincent de Paul's Church, L1 5JN. For more information, please contact James: djmoroney@cantab.net or call 07546667394. To join the WhatsApp community please follow the <https://chat.whatsapp.com/H7vBavJ4Jlm2spPNI9d2DT>.

- **FLAME 2027 THE UK'S LARGEST CATHOLIC YOUTH CONGRESS – SATURDAY 6TH MARCH 2027**

We are arranging for tickets and coaches to go to Wembley for FLAME - where 10000 young Catholics come together for praise, worship and talks. You can find out more here [FLAME 27 – CYMFED](#) If you are interested in possibly bringing a group of young people then please contact Sarah McGeehan (Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator) for more information on s.mcgeehan@rcaol.org.uk or 07415099048

OTHER EVENTS



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or Mark Robson 0151 522 1013 / 07585761965 Claire Newton 0151 522 1043 / 07384643237 or safe-guarding@rcaol.org.uk

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The Irenaeus Project www.irenaeus.co.uk/

Youth Ministry: Animate www.animateyouth.org/

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