

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



17TH 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).

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

FORMATION

- **ALTER SERVERS COURSE**

The Guild of St Stephen for Altar Servers and the Maryvale Institute run an annual 6-month course for adult Altar Servers, exploring the history of liturgy, the sacraments, scripture, communication, leadership and people skills and the theology of service. There are no pre-requisite education requirements, and it is delivered online in 1-hour monthly evening sessions, with an optional one day in-person session **at Oscott College, Birmingham** at the end of the course. The **deadline** for registration for the next cohort is **15th September 2026**. For more information see the attached flyer or the Guild of St Stephen website guildofststephen.org/certificate.

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>



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YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

- **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.

- **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/H7vBavJ4JIm2spPNI9d2DT>.

- **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.



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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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