

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 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).

NEW & UPDATED

- **UPDATED ADVENTUROUS ACCOMPANIMENT DAY WORKSHOP**

19th September – 10AM-4PM at St Margaret Clitherow Centre

Good accompaniment in a parish or a ministry helps people to feel seen and heard and to be part of a community guided by the Holy Spirit. This training will equip people in parishes to walk alongside people in our community and support them on their faith journey.

We will be repeating our workshop series on accompaniment with Million Minutes. If attending for the first time, we encourage you to sign up with a group or join us as an individual. For those who have been to the workshops earlier this year, we are offering the opportunity to return with members of your parish/community groups to help accompany them through this course. This workshop is for anybody who wishes to explore the art of Adventurous Accompaniment, whether they be Priests, Deacons, Religious, welcomers, catechists, children's liturgists, eucharistic ministers, readers, or members of our parishes who would like to explore the practice. Online, or in-person meetings, will take place in groups following this workshop to continue the discussion more locally. There is no cost and we would just ask that you bring your own lunch.

Sign up here <https://tinyurl.com/ysfb7wcn>

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

CARE FOR CREATION

- **SEASON OF CREATION / ST FRANCIS JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE WALK AND MASS**

Saturday 5th September

Join Archbishop John on this event to celebrate these two special events. The 3.6-mile walk will begin at St Francis of Assisi Church, Garston at 10.00am, take us through Sefton Park and end at St Anthony of Padua Church, Mossley Hill. Mass will be celebrated at 12.30pm followed by pack lunch in the hall. To sign up for the walk please use the QR code on the poster and the link: archdioceseofliverpool.org/creation. More information from Chris – c.higgins@rcaol.org.uk

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION

- **SHOWING OF PEOPLES EMERGENCY BRIEFING**



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Tuesday 15th September – 7PM

There will be a showing of the film People's Emergency Briefing, in the parish rooms of St Anne's, Overbury Street, Liverpool L7 3HJ on Tuesday, 15th September at 7.00 pm.

The film features footage from last November's National Emergency Briefing which brought together leading UK experts in climate science, food security, health, economics, national security and nature. It presents a clear, measured overview of how the climate and nature crisis is affecting everyday life in Britain - and what the evidence says about risks and responses.

The initiative is explicitly non-partisan and has support from a wide range of organisations including National Trust, Church of England, Exeter University, the Royal Meteorological Society, WWF, National Education Union, and many more.

Following the 50-minute film, we will host a 45-minute structured discussion on what this means for our community.

A TALK ON THE USE OF AI

- **PAULINE BOOK CENTRE – TALK BY MGR PETER FLEETWOOD**

Saturday 19th September – 2PM

Monsignor Peter Fleetwood will be hosting a talk on the use of AI and what it means for Catholics to use AI whilst following the guidelines not only set by the church but also outlined within Pope Leo XIV's recent encyclical "*Magnifica Humanitas*". Please sign up via Pauline Book Centre – Liverpool@pauline-uk.org or call 0151 709 1328.

ADOREMUS

- **ADOREMUS LIVERPOOL – HOW WE ARE EUCHARIST**

10th October at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

Join us on the 10th of October for this year's Adoremus. The event itself is free and available to all. The day starts with mass at 9am, followed by Adoration throughout the day, opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation and several workshops exploring a variety of spiritualities (to be confirmed next week). Celebrated with Archbishop John Sherrington, this is an event not to be missed.

FORMATION

- **ALTAR 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.

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

- **YOUNG ADULT MASS AND DINNER WITH ARCHBISHOP JOHN (3 October 2026)**

Archbishop John Sherrington is going celebrate Mass with young adults on **Saturday 3 October**, at **5pm** at **St Philip Neri Church**, Liverpool L8 7NL, followed by dinner at the **Blackburne House**.



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Anyone aged 18-35 are most welcome. There is no cost for the event, please book your place for dinner if you want to join us <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/AQk11BHckq?origin=lprLink> For enquiry 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/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



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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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Youth Ministry: Animate www.animateyouth.org/

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