

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 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

- **Adventurous Accompaniment Workshop Completed!**

We were delighted to have our adventurous accompaniment workshop on the 19th September delivered by Million Minutes. Over 40 people were in attendance and gave great feedback on the event. We are excited to continue this journey of accompaniment with them in the coming months through our online and in person sessions

FORMATION

- **ARCHBISHOPS CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS (APPLICATIONS FOR 2026-2028 ARE NOW OPEN)**

This two-year online course whose aim is to equip and support catechists and lay leaders in evangelisation and formation. Beginning from mid-October, the course consisted of a study over 12 units, with four in-person Saturday sessions and seven online study sessions. For more details, please visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/liverpool>

- **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING**

- **28 November – The Irenaeus Centre (L22 1RD)**

This course examines our baptismal calling, Vatican II's teaching on ministry, and the role of the Eucharistic minister. It also offers an opportunity to celebrate our place in the Church's synodal life. Parishes are encouraged to enable the faithful to receive Communion as both the Body and Blood of Christ. This is an ideal opportunity to involve new ministers and, where this is not already the practice, restore Communion under both species.

The day runs from 9.15 am to 4pm Parishes are asked to contribute £15 per attendee to cover costs. Places must be booked and paid for in advance.

- **"INTRODUCTION TO SYNODALITY" INTERACTIVE ZOOM WORKSHOPS**

Tuesday 22 September. Morning: Tue 22 & 29 Sept, 11am–1pm BST | Evening: Tue 22 & 29 Sept, 7pm–9pm

Join the **School for Synodality's** beginner-friendly "Introduction to Synodality" interactive Zoom workshops starting BST Gain a clear understanding of synodality, connect with others, and build confidence for synodal processes. Register <https://tinyurl.com/yeywhdkv>



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ADOREMUS

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

- 10 October at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral**

Join us on the 10th 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. Celebrated with Archbishop John Sherrington, this is an event not to be missed. Sign up here [Adoremus Liverpool \(10-Oct-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

- **ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP (29 September)**

Anyone aged 18-35 is welcome to join the Archdiocesan Young Adult Group, meeting fortnightly at the **Pauline Book Centre (L1 3AY)**. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 29th September**. Chris Knowles is going to talk to us about '**What does the Church ask of younger generations? - The youth synod, Christus Vivit and beyond**'. Light refreshment will be served at **6.30pm**, followed by prayer meeting at **7pm**. For enquiries, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

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

Archbishop John Sherrington is going to celebrate Mass with young adults on **Saturday 3 October**, at **5pm** at **St Philip Neri Church**, Liverpool L8 7NL, followed by a **SOLD-OUT** dinner at the **Blackburne House**. Anyone aged 18-35 are most welcome. There is no cost for the event, please sign up with this link if you would like to be added to the waitlist and we will be sure to contact you if any spaces become available for the meal! <https://tinyurl.com/3x875uzd> For enquiry please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

- **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

- **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.

There is also a weekend retreat for Portuguese-speaking young adults (up to 28 years old) from 13–15 November 2026 at St Joseph Prayer House, Formby, Liverpool, L37 1PH. The retreat will be conducted in Portuguese language and will feature a special programme led by Fr Adriano Zandoná. For more information or to reserve your place, please get in touch via Instagram @jovens.catolicos.em.liverpool or by email at retirogrupodejovensliverpool@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://tinyurl.com/53brpbz>

ECUMENICAL EVENTS

- **FAITHFUL CIVIC LIFE: POWER, PLACE AND THE COMMON GOOD**

Tuesdays 22 Sept, 20 Oct, & 24 Nov | 6:30pm–8:30pm, St Cleopas Church, Dingle, L8

A practical 3-part series with Cllr Jane Corbett on local power, civic engagement, and faith-driven community action for leaders, staff, and volunteers across LCR.

<https://togetherliverpool.org.uk/whats-new/faithful-civic-life-autumn-workshop-series/>

- **TIME TO ACT: A JUST PEACE FOR ALL WHO CALL THE HOLY LAND HOME**

Sunday 27 September | 3:00pm–5:30pm, Starts at Metropolitan Cathedral, finishes at Liverpool Cathedral.

Walk of Witness with local Church Leaders, followed by a panel discussion (featuring Daoud Nassar, Canon Yazid Said, and the Just Peace Coalition) and a peaceful vigil.

<https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/time-to-act-liverpool>

- **NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND: NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

Sunday 27 September 2026, Nationwide (Local churches & faith communities)

Churches unite in prayer to support Free School Meals for all primary children in England

- **ON THE SHELF? YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE**

Saturday 17 October 2026 | 9:30am–3:30pm, Venue TBC

(Hosted by Revd Mary Hawes, Revd Rachel Archer, et al.). A one-day conference for children/youth workers and clergy featuring keynote speakers, practical workshops, and an afternoon panel chaired by Bishop Ruth Worsley.

- **CONTEMPORARY PRAISE EVENING**

Friday 23 October | 6:30pm, St James, 4 Albion Street, New Brighton, Wirral, CH45 9LF

An evening of contemporary worship and praise open to all.



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

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The Irenaeus Project		www.irenaeus.co.uk/
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Youth Ministry: Animate		www.animateyouth.org/
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