

Newsletter Extra

OCTOBER 2026

Marriage Preparation Catechists

Would you like to accompany engaged couples in their journey of marriage preparation? The Archdiocese is now recruiting catechists to join the Marriage Preparation Team. The training will be at St Joseph's, Penketh: Thursdays 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 October, 6.30 – 8.00 pm. If this is something you are interested in, please sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/5c52zbbz> For further information, please contact Moses Mui, Training Coordinator, at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

ADOREMUS

HOW WE ARE EUCHARIST

*A day of **Adoration**,
Reconciliation, shared
time of **prayer**, and a
series of **workshops**
exploring spirituality.*

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER
**9am- 6pm at the Metropolitan
Cathedral**

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sign up for
workshops here





Speakeasy Music Group 50th Anniversary Celebration

The Speakeasy Music Group will be celebrating their 50th anniversary at St William of York Church, Thornton, Liverpool L23 4TG on Saturday 24 October. Mass will be celebrated at 6.00 pm, followed by music and refreshments in the Parish Centre. We would love to welcome any past members or friends of Speakeasy so that we can catch up and reminisce about the many memories we share.

For further information, please contact Helen McCall (formerly Exton/Cain) at helen.speakeasy@hotmail.com or 07778 746600.

BE WOMEN OF COURAGE

**A women's weekend of sharing and
exploring the call of God in our lives**



16th – 18th October 2026
The Irenaeus Centre L22 1RD
**For more information contact
centreirenaeus@gmail.com**

Marriage Preparation Course

The Archdiocese is now offering a marriage preparation course for engaged couples. Led by trained lay facilitators, the 4-session course will help couples to develop skills to facilitate good communication within their relationship and an understanding of the sacrament of marriage within the Catholic faith.

The next course will be available on **Monday 26 October, 2 November, 9 November and 16 November** at St Anne's Church, Prescott Road, Ormskirk L39 4TG. There is a cost of £50 per couple to help towards materials and other expenses.

If you are interested, please book online here:
forms.cloud.microsoft/e/cMQ1fpza3G?origin=lprLink

Archbishop's Certificate in Catechesis 2026-2028

Applications are now open for the Archbishop's Certificate in Catechesis. This two-year online course aims to equip and support catechists and lay leaders in evangelisation and formation. Beginning from mid-October, the course consists of 12 units of study, with four in-person Saturday sessions and seven online study sessions. For more details and sign up, please visit: www.aec.rcaos.org.uk/liverpool

It would be very helpful if one or two parishioners were interested in trying the course – we could really do with some catechetical support in the parish.

Calling for Photos – All Saints' Day



The Archdiocese is planning a special All Saints' Day social media feature celebrating the beautiful statues, stained glass windows and other artwork depicting the saints in churches across the Archdiocese. If your parish has any photographs you would be happy for us to share, we'd love to receive them. Please send your images to communications@rcaol.org.uk as soon as possible so we can include as many parishes as possible in the feature.



From the Cathedral Flower Festival in 2017

Cathedral Jubilee Flower Festival

Floral arrangers are needed for next year's event to celebrate the Metropolitan Cathedral's Diamond Jubilee. It will take place from Thursday 14 – Monday 17 May 2027 and the theme of the Festival will be 'Hope' in all its different forms. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in creating one of the floral displays which will decorate the Cathedral, please contact Claire Hanlon at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

Make the Cathedral Blossom

You can help make our Cathedral bloom for the Flower Festival by making a £30 donation to sponsor an orchid for a pew-end display. As a thank you for your generosity, you will be invited to write a short personal message, dedication, or remembrance. Your note will be beautifully attached to one of the orchids creating a meaningful and personal part of the festival display. Whether your message celebrates a loved one, marks a special occasion, or simply offer words of hope and gratitude, your support will help create a stunning floral celebration for everyone to enjoy, and best of all you can take it home once the festival is over. To register your interest, please contact Claire Hanlon at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

LIVERPOOL Youth PILGRIMAGE to LOURDES

⇒ APPLICATIONS OPEN **14 SEPTEMBER** ⇐

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
UNTIL 19 OCTOBER

£680
INSTEAD OF £730

Apply at: liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk

SAVE THE DATE!
YOUTH SUNDAY
22nd NOVEMBER

St Margaret Clitherow Centre

Starts at **10.30am**

Music & Worship with **One Hope Project**

Ends with **5pm Mass with Archbishop John Sherrington**

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flame 2027
THE UK'S LARGEST CATHOLIC YOUTH CONGRESS
SATURDAY 6TH MARCH 2027
OVO ARENA WEMBLEY

The Archdiocese is organising a trip to **FLAME** – the largest Catholic Youth Event in the country where 10,000 young people will gather together at Wembley Arena to listen to speakers, pray and praise. It is open to young people in Year 9 and above. If you're interested in bringing a group of young people, please contact Sarah McGeehan on 07415 099048 or email: s.mcgeehan@rcaol.org.uk Please note: Young people must be accompanied by a teacher, youth leader or chaplain: <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame>



Lectio for Young Adults

Fridays at 6.00 pm

A lectio prayer group for young adults meets every Friday at 6.00 pm at St Vincent de Paul Church, Liverpool L1 5JN. For more information, please contact James: djmoroney@cantab.net or call 07546 667394. To join the WhatsApp community, please follow the link: <https://tinyurl.com/53brpjbz>

St Benedict's Men's Breakfast Group

Saturday 14 November

St Benedict's Men's Breakfast Group is marking twenty-five years on Saturday 14 November. All past and present members, as well as families of those members who have died, are invited to a Mass in church at 9.00 am with Fr Tony Slingo (who founded the group), followed by breakfast in the Parish Centre. For catering purposes, please let Deacon David know if you will be attending (07925 014707). Many thanks.



Check out what's going on in the Archdiocese:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/events

Pastoral Development Newsletter:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/departments/pastoral-development

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral:

<https://liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk>

Irenaeus Centre for Spirituality:

www.irenaeus.co.uk

Animate Youth Ministries:

www.animateyouth.org

Catholic Church in England & Wales:

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

Stay connected with the latest news, updates and events from across the Archdiocese and beyond by following our new channel. Use the link below to join us:

<https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029Vb8B5Hu2f3EJJwDzn72z>

You can also stay in touch through our other social media platforms:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/liverpoolarchdiocese

Instagram: www.instagram.com/liverpoolarchdiocese

TikTok: www.tiktok.com/@liverpoolarchdiocese

YouTube: www.youtube.com/@ArchdioceseofLiverpool

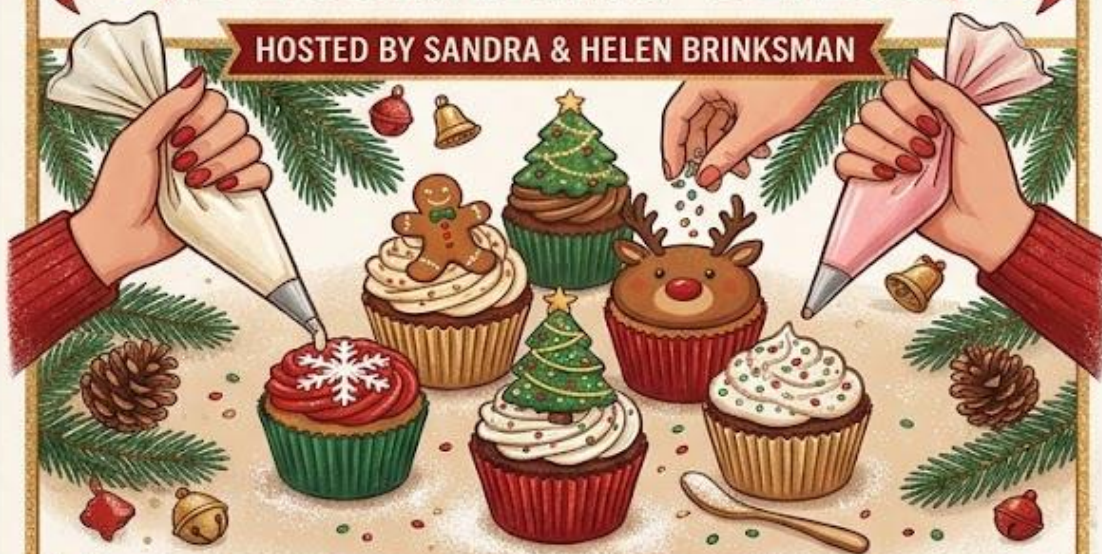
LinkedIn:

<https://uk.linkedin.com/company/liverpoolarchdiocese>

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CHRISTMAS CUPCAKE DECORATING CLASS

HOSTED BY SANDRA & HELEN BRINKSMAN



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

BETWEEN 1 - 3PM

ST. BENEDICT'S PARISH CENTRE

£10
PER HEAD

- ALL INGREDIENTS,
EQUIPMENT &
REFRESHMENTS
INCLUDED.

PLEASE CONTACT SANDRA ON
07952-960358 FOR INFORMATION.

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON
OF GOOD COMPANY AND FUN!

