ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL
PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN

THE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 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 & UPDATES

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE CELEBRATION – MARRIAGE MASS (14 February)

Archbishop John Sherrington will celebrate the Marriage Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday 14 February 2026 at 11:00. The Mass will include renewal of marriage vow and special blessing for those couples celebrating significant anniversaries. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gibberd Room. For those couples who are going to celebrate a significant wedding anniversary in 2027, please register online for a certificate which will be collected on the day. Register here https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/Z5xThwnqis?origin=lprLink For more information, please contact Moses at: m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

YOUTH SUNDAY – A CELEBRATION BY YOUNG PEOPLE

Our Youth Sunday Celebration took place on Sunday 22nd November on the Feast of Christ the King. 35 young people from across the archdiocese came together for faith, friendship and fun. One Hope Project provided the music, Fr Frankie Mulgrew was the keynote speaker. Kate Wilkinson from A Million Minutes spoke about Courage to Listen, Anna Lilley from Young Christian Workers gave a workshop on Courage to Act, and Fr Mark Beattie encouraged the young people to have Courage to Pray. Everyone had a great day which ended with Mass with Archbishop John.

REIGNITE YOUR FAITH – ONLINE ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Rediscover the joy and richness of your faith through this 5-session online formation programme for all baptised adults. Journey deeper into the heart of the Catholic faith by exploring some of the key elements of Catholicism, these sessions invite you to deepen your understanding, renew your relationship with Christ and live your faith more fully. Beginning from 14 January 2027, it will take five consecutive Thursday evenings (6.30pm-8.30pm). It is free of charge. Please register here if you're interested https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/nR4BqSa9ua?origin=lprLink
For enquiry, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk.

LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE ONLINE ALPHA COURSE

Beginning on **Wednesday 13 January at 6.45pm**, we're offering an **Online Alpha Course** for anyone wishing to explore life, faith and meaning. If you, or someone you know is looking to meet new people and explore the Catholic faith together, Alpha is for anyone who's curious. **There will**

be a retreat day on Saturday 6th February, where we will get the chance to meet in person, but Wednesday evenings will take place online. **Concluding on Wednesday 18th March**, each session unpacks a big question of life, faith and purpose and is designed to spark conversation. If you'd like to find out more, please use click here to register your interest https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/x7JQPgkedn, or email pd@rcaol.org.uk for more information.

FORMATION

- **EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING**
  28th November – The Irenaeus Centre (L22 1RD)
  This course examines our baptismal calling, the second Vatican councils 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.

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

- **ADVENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS**
  Fr Derek Lloyd will lead the Advent Retreat for Young Adults which will be taking place on Saturday 28 November at St Basil's Church, Widnes, WA8 4SZ. The retreat day will start at 10:00 and aim to finish at 16:00. This is free of charge, but please bring your packed lunch. If you're aged 18-35 and interested to join, please sign up here https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/fy1btghq. For further information 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

- **PORTUGESE-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://tinyurl.com/53brpjbz



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ECUMENICAL EVENTS

- **FAITHFUL CIVIC LIFE: POWER, PLACE AND THE COMMON GOOD**
  Tuesday 24 Nov | 6:30pm–8:30pm, St Cleopas Church, Dingle, L8
  Final part of a three 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/



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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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