



PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

For the current week's readings and Saints please look at Liturgy Office www.liturgyoffice.org.uk, *Universalis* (Liverpool/IOM) and The Liverpool Ordo. You can find additional Saints' information on https://www.catholicireland.net/saints_category/saints/

NOTE: In light of feedback, we will be posting Archdiocesan related news, resources, and events in the bulletin. We are in the process of setting up a notice board on the website where other information can be housed.

REFLECTION

Message from "Rt Rev Kieran Conry, Bishop of Arundel and Brighton Diocese, who also has responsibility in England and Wales for evangelisation, said:

"Every November throughout the world those who have died are especially remembered and prayed for by the Catholic community. The commemoration begins on 2nd of the month on a day called All Souls when Catholics pray for the dead as they continue, ahead of the living, the journey into the fullness God's Light. Catholics also pray for those who are left behind and are still grieving. These prayers continue throughout the month of November, with people encouraged to visit a church or cemetery to pray."

"Know that, even if you are not a Catholic, you and your loved ones will be prayed for and remembered during November. Jesus Christ conquered death through his own suffering and death on a cross and by his resurrection. In Him is the source of our hope and light whatever darkness we might currently face. His love for us and those that we love is endless."

Father of mercies and God of all consolation,
N. is gone now from this earthly dwelling
and has left us behind mourning his/her absence.

Let us find in your Son, Jesus,
comfort in our sadness,
certainty in our doubt,
and courage to live through this hour.

Make our faith strong
Through Christ our Lord."

CBCEW - <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/message-of-hope-for-those-who-are-grieving-the-loss-of-a-loved-one/>

UPDATE FROM THE LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE

● **VATICAN II LECTURES**

The next Vatican II lecture will take place on 7th December with Prof. Paul McPartlan (Catholic University of America) on Lumen Gentium: Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. The seminar begins at 3pm at Liverpool Hope University and the lecture starts at 5.30. The lecture can also be attended online through zoom. Places are limited, so please book your free tickets here

<http://bit.ly/3QI4e5R>



- **RCIA WORKSHOPS**

Following the feedback from our previous series of workshops, we have arranged a second list of meetings for anyone who coordinates or helps at RCIA meetings to come together for a catch up, training and sharing of resources meeting. This will be a continuation of the discussion we began in September, but if you were unable to attend previously, you're very welcome to join us now.

To book your place, please email rcia@rcaol.org.uk

- Saturday 2nd December 2023 (11-12:30pm) – Metropolitan Cathedral
- Monday 11th December 2023 (6:30-8pm) – St Bede's, Guild Hall, Widnes
- Wednesday 13th December (6:30-8pm) – St Joseph's Church, Wroughton

- **CATECHIST TRAINING**

Beginning on **Wednesday 24th January 2024** until June, we will be offering 3 modules over 13 weeks offering training for Catechists. Whether you are considering being a catechist, or are an existing catechist, looking to refresh your knowledge, this course could be for you. The first four sessions will explore key principles of Catechesis to build confidence.

The first module, on Encountering Catechesis will cover the following topics:

- 'What is the Kerygma (Gospel)'
- 'What is Catechesis?'
- 'How do I choose and use catechetical resources and programmes?'
- 'What do I need to know about safeguarding and leading a group.'

This course is initially being offered on Wednesdays at the **St Margaret Clitherow Centre at 7pm – 8.30pm for free**, and I'm hoping to confirm an alternative location soon. To register your interest for this course, please email training@rcaol.org.uk

- **LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION: COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT MEMBER?**

The Commission exists to stimulate awareness of the need for justice and peace; understand these needs in the light of the Gospel and the Church's social teaching; and encourage action. It meets 6 times a year and contributes towards the social action work of the Archdiocese through conferences and events. Read this month's NW J&P newsletter, and find out more about becoming a Commission member by contacting p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk

- **FACILITATION TRAINING**

We are now offering training for people in our parishes who lead groups. Whether they're for praying, liturgy, or volunteering this 2-hour workshop will provide an opportunity to come together to discuss the format of your group and share new ideas that can support the facilitation of your group moving forward. If you're interested in arranging a workshop for your parish or deanery, please contact e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk

- **COST OF LIVING ASSEMBLY – 16th November 2023, 7-8.30pm (online)**

This Assembly is co-hosted by Together Liverpool, a social justice charity of the Diocese of Liverpool and Church Urban Fund, with the Archdiocese of Liverpool's social action coordinator. The main speaker is from the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) will talk about working for lasting change, and the new Let's End Poverty movement. For more information and registration: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/network-of-kindness-cost-of-living-assembly-november-2023-tickets-731798477947?aff=oddtcreator>

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- **VACANCIES AT THE ARCHDIOCESE**

We are currently advertising several vacancies. If you're interested in working for the Archdiocese, you can find an up-to-date list of vacancies available here:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers

RESOURCES AND EVENTS

- **(CANTONESE) RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

We extend a warm invitation to individuals aged 18 and above who are interested in exploring and deepening their understanding of the Catholic faith. All fellow believers are also welcome to join us on this journey of Catholic faith. Period: 5th September 2023 – 19th May 2024.

The RCIA program consists of two components:

1. ZOOM Meetings: Tuesdays, 8-9:30 pm, throughout the program period; AND
2. Physical Gatherings: on 3rd Saturday of each month at the Metropolitan Cathedral, Christ the King (Mt. Pleasant, Liverpool L3 5TQ)

The language medium for the program is Cantonese. For Enquiry : 0740 3489931 (Flora)

- **EXHIBITION ON THE LIFE OF FR. LUIGI GIUSSANI AT LIVERPOOL METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL**

The Communion and Liberation Catholic Movement in the Northwest of England are hosting a free exhibition on the life and teachings of their founder Fr. Luigi Giussani titled "From My Life to Yours" in the Gibbard Room at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, L3 5TQ on Saturday 18th November (10am-7pm) and Sunday 19th November (10am-5pm). Tea and coffee will be served, all visitors are welcome.

For more information, please go to their website: www.clonline.org or email: clnorthwest.soc@gmail.com

- **HARD-HITTING PLAY AT THE IRENAEUS CENTRE**

At 7pm on Tuesday 14th November the Irenaeus Centre (Great Georges Rd, Waterloo, L22 1RD) will be hosting a production of a hard-hitting play "Mum, can you lend me twenty quid?". A true story of a family torn apart by addiction based on the memoir of Drug FAM founder, Elizabeth Burton-Philips, MBE. Admission is free of charge, but donations to support the running of The Irenaeus Centre are most welcome. This is an It Is What It Is production.

Please be advised the production contains strong language and drug use.

Are you affected by someone else's drug or alcohol misuse? Don't be on your own pick up the phone: 030088 83853

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The Irenaeus Project <https://www.irenaeus.co.uk/>

Youth Ministry: Animate <https://www.animateyouth.org/>

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