



PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

For the current weeks 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

Remembering all the events of the last few weeks, we would like to share this prayer. This prayer was prayed by the Bishops of the Holy Land Co-ordination at their annual meeting held in the region in 2017. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/prayer-and-fasting-for-peace-in-the-holy-land/>

O God of our ancestors, you gave us the earth to make our home so that all peoples may live together in harmony. We have allowed our sad divisions to grow, causing discord and fear of one another. We have scarred the land through our pride. May we learn from the past and remember all those who have suffered, all those who have lost their lives. O God of today and every day, you walk alongside us in our daily lives. We seek a place to make our home, where we can live in peace and fulfilment, and our families grow in love and prosperity. May we raise up new foundations, reach out to our neighbours and welcome the stranger in our midst. O God, guide our steps to a future beyond our hopes. Solutions cannot just be drawn like lines on paper but through the changing of hearts and minds. Open our eyes to see that while we suffer, we may also inflict suffering on others; that in trying to protect ourselves we may be leaving less space for trust. God of mercy and compassion we place in your hands this land and all its people guide and support all those who seek to establish that justice which alone ensures true and lasting peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

UPDATE FROM THE LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE

• **VATICAN II LECTURES**

In collaboration with Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool Archdiocese is proud to announce a series of lectures that will take place between October and February exploring the 4 constitution documents of Vatican II. They will take place at Liverpool Hope University and will also be made available to people online. Tickets are available here <http://bit.ly/3QI4e5R>

• **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 as a group to discuss the format of the group and to discuss new ideas that can support the facilitation of this group moving forward. If you're interested in arranging a workshop for your parish or deanery, please contact e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk



- **BLACK HISTORY MONTH – resources for October**

This month is Black History month and is an opportunity for the Archdiocese to celebrate the rich heritage of our Catholic communities. We are seeking to gather stories from black and other people of colour and will be holding a series of conversations around the archdiocese. If you would like to be part of this conversation, please contact the p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk. Resources are available from the Catholic Bishop's Conference <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice/>

- **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>

- **VACANCIES AT THE ARCHDIOCESE**

We are currently advertising a number of 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)

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

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