



Pastoral Development Bulletin

for the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 6 February 2022

LENT MONDAYS

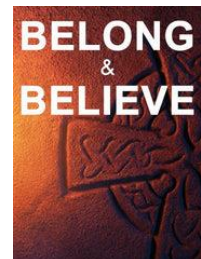
BELONG & BELIEVE

How our Celtic past can help us today. Refreshing our communities and renewing our ministries.

Following on from the success of our Pastoral Development Department's Advent Monday reflections, we are running Monday Reflections from 7-8pm on zoom using the Café resource: Belong and Believe during Lent.

There will be opportunity to reflect and discuss and although the course will be run online, it is possible to join and interact as a parish group. If you would like to lead the course in your parish and need more information, contact the PD department: pd@rcaol.org.uk

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| March 7 | Building Welcoming Communities |
| March 14 | Growing in Faith Together |
| March 21 | Renewed in the Holy Spirit |
| March 28 | Caring for God's Creation |
| April 4 | Evangelising with Love & Action |



You can register for the Zoom reflections here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/tZ0ldO6oqD0sE9GOs3Eewqn1hNhwIxPPFpG6>

Or on the website: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/pastoral-development

STOP PRESS

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Friday 4 February (International Day of Human Fraternity), 6:00 – 7:00pm

On the steps of the Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Given the conflicts in different parts of the world, and also the tense situation on the borders of Ukraine, there is a need for prayer for peace in the world, especially as a greater expression of fraternity.

Please come ready to share a reading from your Holy Book, or a prayer from your tradition.

Preparing for Lent and Eastertide

godwhospeaks.uk/focus/preparing-for-lent-and-eastertide

We've created new posters for schools on the themes: **Ash Wednesday, Lent and Easter** - godwhospeaks.uk/lent-and-eastertide-resources/posters

We've collaborated again with Tony Bower of the York Schools & Youth Trust to create **An Easter Donkey interactive resource** - godwhospeaks.uk/the-easter-donkey

There's also a new *In-Between Times poster and resources* for **Easter to Pentecost** - biblesociety.org.uk/resources/the-in-between-time

More Lent and Eastertide resources, including a visual journey through Eastertide, are found here - godwhospeaks.uk/lent-and-eastertide-resources

Fr Michael Hall opens our eyes with **Luke and the Open Heaven** - godwhospeaks.uk/between-the-testaments/luke-and-the-open-heaven

Bp David Evans launches a new series on **The Meaning of Life** using the Bible and modern philosophy to help explore some big questions - godwhospeaks.uk/the-meaning-of-life-part-1-identity

If you haven't seen our commissioned Bible artwork, our new **Mosaic Experience** gives you a 360° tour of this stunning **Little Bits of God** artwork - art.godwhospeaks.uk

Events and workshops

Come to the most exciting **St Albans Scripture Festival** - godwhospeaks.uk/our-dioceses/st-albans-scripture-festival

The Society of St. Gregory is offering these Scripture workshops:

Wednesday 16 February 2022 at 7.30-9pm: **Scriptures for Lent** (Canon Patrick Hartnett)

Wednesday 27 April 2022 at 7.30-9pm: **Scriptures for Eastertide** (Mgr Kevin McGinnell)

These are online interactive sessions, with lots of practical help and tips. £10 per person, or £25 if you book for more than two workshops. Bookings, together with all the details, are available on their website [here](#).

EOn **11th May**, Mgr Kevin McGinnell will lead us in a bonus session, **'Shadows in the Gospel'**, for which there's no charge. You can reserve your place when booking for the other sessions online.



LGBTQ+ CATHOLICS

The next LGBTQ+ Catholic Mass, with a social afterwards, is on **Sunday 20th February 2022** at 2.00pm at St Richards, Mayfield Street, Atherton, M46 0AQ.

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Fr Maloney: 0151 287 8787 frsmaloney@aol.com

WHATSAPP

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Would you like to get the PD Bulletin directly? Or keep up with Archdiocesan Pastoral Department Events? Be amongst the first to hear by joining the **PD News WhatsApp Group**. This will be for sending information and keeping in touch.

To join please send a WhatsApp message: **JOIN PD NEWS** with your **name** and **parish** to **07449 633 977**. Please note that your number may be visible to others in the group. NB Only Admins will be able to post.





Marriage Preparation

Options for engaged couples and ongoing support

A reminder that the PD department no longer staff any marriage and family life coordinators and as a result, the way we offer the marriage preparation across the Archdiocese has changed.

Any couples looking for marriage courses are asked to book directly and are given options which are accessible on the website: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/marriage-preparation-options

Other support options are also listed including retreat opportunities, divorced Catholics, those struggling in relationships, those who are widowed and more.



RCIA: Rite of Election

The Department, together with the RCIA Core Group, is pleased to announce that the **Rite of Election and Call to Continuous Conversion** will be celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm in the Cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent (6th March) at 3pm. An information pack will be sent out to all parishes – if you have not received one by **7th February**, please email rcia@rcaol.org.uk or contact the PD department.

The **Retreat Day** will be on **9 April** in Formby with an outdoor **Mass of Thanksgiving** to be celebrated in Lydiate on 9 June 2022. Full details are in the information pack sent to parishes this week.

**We keep all those on their faith journey in our prayers
as we joyfully accompany them.**

Dementia Awareness Session (on Zoom) Tuesday 8 February 2022 at 7pm

Have you ever wanted to know more about Dementia

- how it affects people?
- how we can relate to someone with dementia?

This session will be approximately 45 minutes, led by Sr. Moira and will explore issues of Dementia. How can you help someone to live well with Dementia?



For a link contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

For more exciting information about Irenaeanus project events see the [newsletter](#).
<https://irenaeus.co.uk/newsletters/>

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