

Pastoral Development Bulletin

2nd Sunday of Lent 13 March 2022

BELONG & BELIEVE – ONLINE ZOOMS

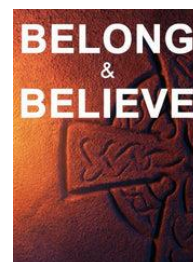
We have started the first session which had much to reflect upon – you are most welcome to attend **any** session and ask that you register below to receive the zoom link.
You will be very welcome.

*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. Each parish will be able to pick up a free resource. More details later.

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

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/meeting/register/tZ0ldO6oqD0sE9GOs3Eewqn1hNhwIxPPFpG6>

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

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.



LENT MONDAYS

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UKRAINE APPEAL

HOW CAN I HELP?

As the ongoing conflict in Ukraine continues to occupy our thoughts and prayers, the Archdiocese response to the Ukraine crisis has set up various forms of support.

Donations can be made

1. via text details below.

2. By bank transfer to Account name: Archdiocese of Liverpool

Sort code: 40-29-12 Account: 01551493

Reference: Help Ukraine

3. Or by cheque made payable to "Archdiocese of Liverpool" and with "Help Ukraine" written on the reverse, these can be sent to Finance Department:

St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Liverpool Archdiocesan Office, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA

The St Margaret Clitherow Centre, along with all 40 of our parish centres across the archdiocese, will be **collection points** for people to donate physical items to.

The delivery chain is currently at capacity because of the generous and overwhelming response from people. We have been in touch with local and national charities and religious organisations to discuss options of where we can donate goods to and we are awaiting confirmation of this. We do expect there to be a demand for more goods soon and we are hoping for an update shortly.

Donate to Ukraine

Text **HELPUKRAINE** to **70085** to donate **£2**
 Text **HELPUKRAINE** to **70450** to donate **£3**
 Text **HELPUKRAINE** to **70460** to donate **£5**
 Text **HELPUKRAINE** to **70470** to donate **£10**

Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message.

All funds will go to the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London to support the people of Ukraine.



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During Lent 
 You are welcome
 to join us everyday @ **12.00**
to pray the Angelus
for peace in Ukraine




PRAYERS AND OTHER RESOURCES that may be of help during this time are at: under the [news tab on the website](#). If there are any resources you would like to contribute, please email them to pd@rcaol.org.uk or send them via WhatsApp to 07449 633 977.



CAFOD - Urge the government to push for peace in Ukraine and safety for refugees: Action <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/100468/action/1>



LITANIES OF PEACE AND LITURGY OF THE WORD have been compiled by the J&P Commission ([available on our website](#)). The **Litanies** can be used in groups or for private prayer; **the Liturgy of the Word** could be used for home prayer, especially for those who are unable to participate communally. J&P are also producing a Stations of the Cross PowerPoint in time for Holy Week.



THE IRENAEUS PROJECT

The Irenaeus project newsletters can be accessed at irenaeus.co.uk/newsletters/

LLYSFASI SPIRITUALITY WORKSHOP

www.llysfaspirituality-workshop.org.uk

Workshop based principally on the dynamics of the spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. The first days are dedicated to an experiential journey through the major life themes of the Exercises

12 – 29 August 2022

at Foxhill House and Woodlands, Frodsham, Cheshire, WA6 6XB

Workshop Facilitators: **Mary Rose Fitzsimmons** HHS, **Richard Sloan**, **Sheila McNamara** RSCJ, **Silvia Bereczki** HHS.

For further details email Mary Rose Fitzsimmons HHS

maryrosefitzsimmons@btinternet.com



CATHOLIC WOMEN: INTERNATIONAL SYNOD SURVEY

Catholic Women Speak is an international forum for dialogue, theological discussion and awareness-raising around issues to do with women in the Catholic Church. They have produced a survey for the synod link below:

<https://catholicwomenspeak.com/catholic-women-international-synod-survey/>

**Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool**

MUSIC AT THE MET LENT 2022

Join us throughout Lent for a special programme of sacred
music sung by our Cathedral Choir:

15:00
All are welcome

Sunday 13 March: Crucifixus pro nobis – *Leighton*

Sunday 20 March: Les Sept Paroles du Christ en Croix – *Franck*

Sunday 27 March: Stabat Mater – *Pergolesi*

Sunday 3 April: The Lamentations of Jeremiah – *Tallis*

Sunday 10 April (at 19:30): the Office of Tenebræ

Admission free (retiring collection)

www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk

[/LpoolMetMusic](https://www.facebook.com/LpoolMetMusic) [@LpoolMetMusic](https://www.instagram.com/LpoolMetMusic)

Lent and Eastertide

This month we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation on the 25th March, so we've gathered together articles and resources about the role our Lady plays in Scripture and in our faith.

godwhospeaks.uk/celebrating-our-lady

Fleur explores some less commonly known symbols in art and scripture related to Our Lady, and their wider meanings for our faith and spirituality: godwhospeaks.uk/our-lady-and-the-thread-of-life

Share the key Bible verses about Mary with our free posters. godwhospeaks.uk/our-lady-in-scripture-posters

Sr Hyacinthe considers various ways in the Scriptures that Mary can be our hope today. godwhospeaks.uk/how-is-mary-our-hope

Amégée Olongo shares a short reflection on a stained glass window designed by Evie Hone. godwhospeaks.uk/the-feast-of-the-assumption-a-reflection

Fr Michael Hall considers why the vision of the Woman in Revelation is believed by Catholics to be a reference to Our Lady, Queen of Heaven. godwhospeaks.uk/sun-moon-and-stars-the-role-of-mary-in-the-book-of-revelation

Have you listened to the **Women in Scripture Podcast series** yet? Listen to Episode 5 on the Virgin Mary (birminghamdiocese.org.uk/women-in-scripture) and read the accompanying art reflection (godwhospeaks.uk/art-and-culture/women-in-scripture/mary/) .

The second article in our super new series on the **Meaning of Life** by Bp David Evans explores **Generosity – giving and giving away**. godwhospeaks.uk/the-meaning-of-life-part-2-generosity

Bible Alive in Church poster - we've created an exciting poster to show how our worship in Church has its basis in Scripture – godwhospeaks.uk/the-bible-alive-in-church-poster

Don't forget to explore and use all our **Lent and Easter resources** - godwhospeaks.uk/len-and-eastertide-resources/posters

And take a look at **CELEBRATE@Home** resources - <https://www.celebratetrust.org/celebrateathome>



ONLINE LENTEN RETREATS

[Lenten virtual Pilgrimage of Grace in the Holy Land](#): You can watch a teaser video [here](#). This is a free virtual pilgrimage, with daily 15 minutes videos with reflection from the Holy Land.

The Carmelite friars from Boar's Hill in Portsmouth diocese are offering a fantastic series of online and on-site retreats, for Lent, Easter and Pentecost. Check their retreats [here](#).

[Journey through Lent with Scott Hahn](#): faith-inspiring talks on Confession, prayer, the Eucharist, and knowing the Gospel. Free daily streaming.

Refresh your faith this Lent with '[Invited](#)', a series of 5 videos with downloadable reflections from the diocese of Arundel and Brighton.

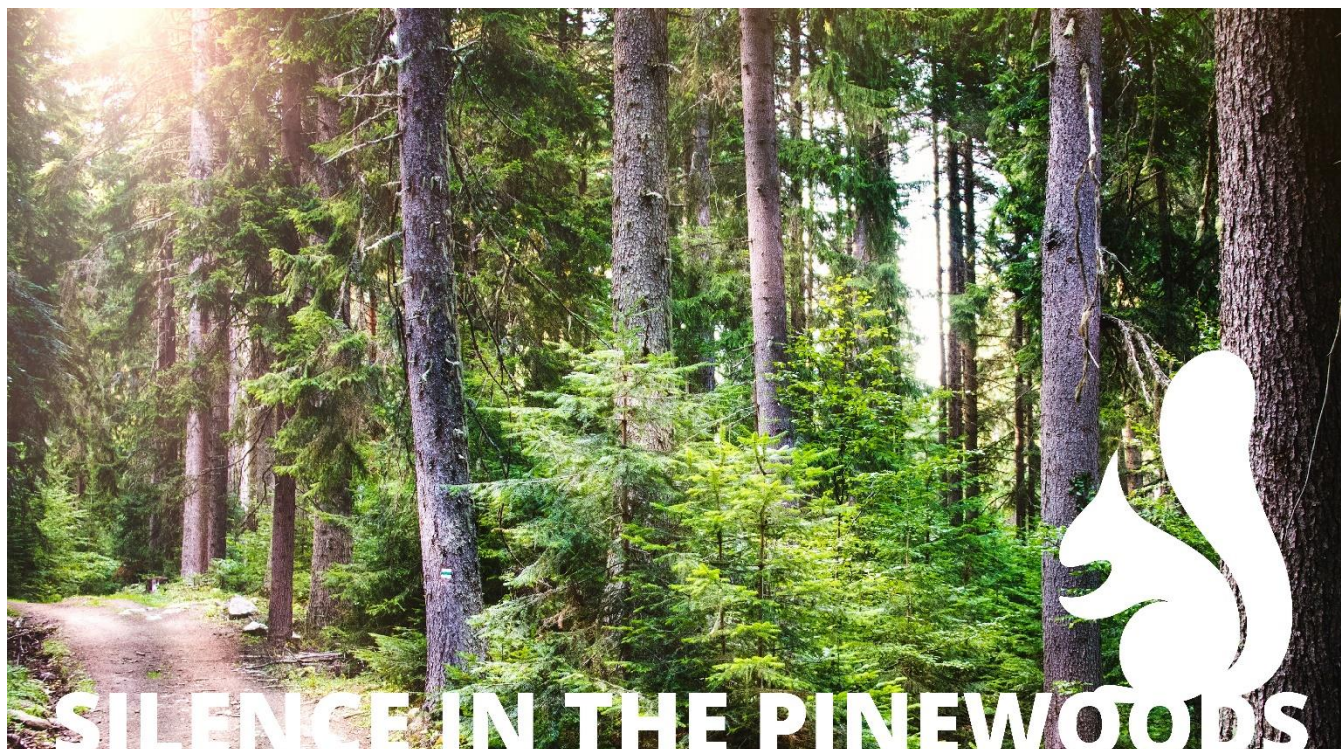
From Portsmouth Diocese



More Online Retreats

pray as you go: <https://pray-as-you-go.org/retreat/len-2022>

Sign up to their newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/jesuit/prayer-this-lent?e=2e7eec5756>



SILENCE IN THE PINEWOODS

Opening to the presence of God

***An Introduction to Contemplation through the gateway of Centering Prayer
led by Fr Richard Sloan***

Centering Prayer is a silent meditation method, rooted in the Christian contemplative tradition. It is accessible to all who want to open themselves, heart and mind, to the Ultimate Mystery. It is an intentional practice, founded on the gesture of surrender, a conscious letting go of thoughts, images and ideas in order to rest in a place of deeper spiritual attentiveness.

It is a methodology par excellence for nurturing the heart, the place where we come into alignment with Divine Wisdom and live authentically out of our true selves.

"It's not about knowing more but about more of you knowing" (Cynthia Bourgeault).

Whether you are new to Centering Prayer or already familiar with it, the day will offer some insights into this transformative method of meditation through:

- understanding the background to Centering Prayer
- introducing you to the Centering Prayer method
- experiencing 2 sessions of Centering prayer
- being with a like-minded group of seekers
- exploring how Centering Prayer offers a path of transformation gathering new insights to weave into your life.

Saturday 2 April 2022

10am - 4pm

St Joseph's Prayer Centre

Blundell Avenue, Formby, L37 1PH

Registration

<https://forms.gle/KSd8saSrTTP3HxAn9>

Suggested donation

£12 (please bring a packed lunch)



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Side-by-side

An immersive event exploring the art of accompaniment

Join us for this interactive event, exploring the vision of a Church that walks together and accompanies people in life and faith. We'll consider how deepening our existing practice of accompaniment will help our Catholic community be recognised as relevant and impactful, and how it will offer us all hope for growth.

Give it a try in a carousel of enriching workshops. Everyone will be given a resource pack to take away and use in schools, parishes, local communities and families.

We invite you to attend with a partner, to accompany one another throughout the day (if you are coming alone, let us know and we'll pair you up with someone).

Tea, coffee and lunch will be provided.

To register, email your name, parish and which event you will be attending to registration@rcaol.org.uk by 6 March for in person events and 25 April for the Zoom event.

"Are you prepared for this adventure?"

Pope Francis

Saturday 19 March

10am-4pm

St Margaret Clitherow Centre

Liverpool Archdiocesan Office

Croxteth Drive

LIVERPOOL

L17 1AA

Sunday 20 March

12-6pm

Optional Mass at 11am celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon followed by the event 12-6pm

Venue as above

**Tuesday 26 and
Wednesday 27 April**

7-9pm each day

Both these days comprise one event

Online via Zoom



For more information, visit:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/side-by-side

LENT ACTION FOR THE EARTH CALENDAR



Create a positive change this Lent and “fast from”, read, reflect, change your awareness – this calendar is available on the [website www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/pd-resources](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/pd-resources) to download as a pdf.

Thank you to the faithful companions of Jesus at the fcl St Hugh's Centre, Wavertree for creating and sharing.



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: Retreat Day & Mass of Thanksgiving

The **Retreat Day** will be on **9 April** at St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby, L37 1PH **RSVP by Sunday 13 March** with an outdoor **Mass of Thanksgiving** to be celebrated at Our Lady's, Lydiate, L31 4HH on **Thursday 9 June 2022** followed by a light buffet **RSVP by Friday 5 June**. Full details are in the information pack sent to parishes.

RSVP to rcia@rcaol.org.uk if you or your RCIA group wish to attend.

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