



Pastoral Development Bulletin

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LENT MONDAYS

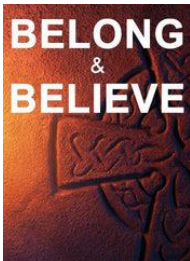
BELONG & BELIEVE

*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. 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/tZ0ldO6oqD0sE9GOs3Eewqn1hNhwIxPPfG6>

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.





UKRAINE

JOINT CATHEDRALS' VIGIL OF PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Friday 4th March 2022, 6pm

All are welcome to join us as we gather on the steps of the Metropolitan Cathedral to pray for peace in Ukraine.

This vigil will include reflections and music by members of the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir.

PRAYERS & RESOURCES

As the ongoing conflict in Ukraine continues to occupy our thoughts and prayers, we are compiling prayers and other resources that may be of solace and help during this time: [link currently 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

There is a drop off for specific items **THIS FRIDAY 4 March** arranged by the Polish communities UK.

For more details www.pisc.uk

SLEEPING BAGS ARE MOST NEEDED

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS: LENT RESOURCES

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>



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

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 fcj St Hugh's Centre, Wavertree for creating this.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lent Action for the Earth 			2 Read Laudato Si' #211 & #212	3 Choose 3 things you don't need. Donate them.	4 Have a meat-free day today	5 Plant some seeds today.
6 Celebrate the beauty of creation.	7 Only eat seasonal produce today	8 Fast from PLASTIC today. Be aware of how much you use.	9 Notice natural beauty today – celebrate it!	10 Read Laudato Si' #207 & #208	11 Family Fast Day Donate to Caritas/CAFOD/SCIAF/Trocaire	12 Mend your clothes
13 Be aware of the fragility of creation.	14 Save, wash, and reuse all your tinfoil this week	15 Try a new meat-free recipe today	16 Be aware of turning off lights and appliances.	17 Advertise Earth Hour – encourage friends to join in.	18 Choose 3 things you don't need. Donate them..	19 Skip showering today – save water
20 Recognise God's presence in creation.	21 Reduce the thermostat by 1°C	22 Find out about the work SCIAF, Trocaire, Caritas, or CAFOD	23 Read Laudato Si' #222 & #223	24 Where has your fruit come from – how many miles has it travelled?	25 Leave the car at home.	26 EARTH HOUR 8: 30pm
27 Celebrate our interconnectedness with all creation.	28 Recycle every bit of paper you use today.	29 Share an image of the beauty in your local area.	30 Wash your clothes at 30°C (or less)	31 Commit to a new ecological habit.	1 Time how long you shower for!	2 Enjoy the garden- make space for wildlife
3 Reflect on your lifestyle choices.	4 Read Laudato Si' #160, #161 & 162	5 Choose 3 things you don't need. Donate them.	6 Find out where you can recycle something you don't already eg toothpaste tubes	7 Have a community conversation about a joint action for the environment.	8 Take an extra half hour to look at something beautiful. Give thanks.	9 Try a bamboo toothbrush
10 Join with others in caring for our common home.	11 What is your local school or parish doing for the environment?	12 Use public transport, walk or cycle today	13 Pray Laudato Si #246	14 Plant a tree or shrub – recognise the importance of our roots	15 Contemplate the suffering of all of creation.	16  Wait in hope.

www.fcjsisters.org



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

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

St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby, L37 1PH

Saturday 2nd April, 10.00am - 4.00pm

Registration:

<https://forms.gle/KSd8saSrTTP3HxAn9>



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 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 and your RCIA group would like to attend.

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<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/pastoral-development>



Calendar

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