



PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

"O Lord you have been our refuge from one generation to the next" Ps89

LITURGICAL CALENDAR: Sunday 4 September 2022

Sunday cycle C; weekdays year II; psalter week III

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| Sunday | 4 | <u>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> |
| Monday | 5 | <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| Tuesday | 6 | <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| Wednesday | 7 | <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| Thursday | 8 | The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast |
| Friday | 9 | <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time (or St Peter Claver)</i> |
| Saturday | 10 | <u>St Ambrose Barlow, Martyr</u> |

From the Liturgy Office www.liturgyoffice.org.uk, *Universalis* (Liverpool/IOM) and *The Liverpool Ordo* https://www.catholicireland.net/saints_category/saints/ for additional saints' information.
St Ambrose Barlow information found on www.saintsandrelics.co.uk

Welcome to our new look bulletin. We have simplified it to allow for cut and pasting into newsletters and for ease of reading on multiple devices. If you have any items to share, please send to pd@rcaol.org.uk by Monday at the latest for inclusion that week.

PRAYERS

... for Olivia Pratt-Korbel

God of compassion, we pray for Olivia, murdered at her home, and all those who have died on the streets of our city. We commit to your loving care her and those who have died in similar incidents, confident that you will receive their souls into the mercy of your love. Comfort their loved ones who are heartbroken, and all those who mourn the lost lives. Enable them to meet the lonely and painful days ahead in the strength of your love and mutual support. Give courage, compassion and wisdom to the police, and soften the hearts and steady the minds of those who would do violence to others. May hate be replaced with love, violence with peace and darkness with your light. Let the love that you have made known to us lead us to create a safer city and protected streets for all to walk upon in peace. Amen.

... for those in conflict zones

O God, who has made of one blood all the nations of the earth, mercifully hear our prayers, and remove from us the menace of war. Guide the rulers of the nations and stay the hands of all those perpetrating violence. Enable those striving for justice to renew in us knowledge of our shared humanity and bind the nations in new ties of friendship and compassion. Hasten the time when the kingdoms of this world shall be joined together in the peace and righteousness. **Amen.**

Adapted from a prayer in Winchester Cathedral



... for returning to school

Blessed are you, loving God, Creator of body and mind and heart; you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to guide your people in all their ways. At the beginning of this new school year, we ask for your mercy: bless the students, teachers, and staff of N., that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love as we learn from you and each other how to follow your son Jesus. Expand the horizons of our minds, that we may grow in wisdom, understanding, and knowledge; deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways; and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need. Glory and praise to you our eternal God and in your son Christ Jesus forever and ever. **Amen.**

Adapted from a prayer from www.catholiccurrent.org

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of *child/children* entrusted to our care. Please watch over them as they begin a new school year. Bless their teachers, school administrators, bus, train and taxi drivers, school support staff, friends and classmates.

Keep them safe every day and may they feel your presence, knowing you are always with them. Help them recall loving words of support from those who love them. Give them wisdom to make good choices, and an openness to learn new things. Fill them with knowledge and positive thinking. Help them overcome obstacles and shield them from negativity.

Surround *child/children* with good friends who also know and love you. Help them treat each other with kindness, fairness, and respect. May they treat each person they encounter as another child of God. Grant them the grace to place their trust in you so they may know your peace. **Amen.**

Adapted from a prayer on www.saintpaulcatholicchurch.com

Season of Creation (resources for use September 1st to October 4th 2022)

Season of Creation including downloadable resource guide <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

Laudato Si Action Platform <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>

Scottish Laity Network programme: [Season of Creation 2022 Programme](http://www.scottishlaitynetwork.org.uk) or via their website <http://scottishlaitynetwork.org.uk>

With You Always Resources: Reminder

Gemini Print, Warrington is now dealing with all the orders for the First Reconciliation and Communion resource. Please see their website https://geminiprintnw.co.uk/with_you_always.php for details.

St Bernadette Relic Tour, 15 September (Chorley), 17 September (Liverpool):

[Archdiocese of Liverpool](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.com) details on our website: www.liverpoolcatholic.com

15 - 17 September: St Mary's R.C. Church: Mount Pleasant, Chorley, Lancashire , PR7 2SR

Arrive: 20:30 15/09/2022 Depart: 10:00 17/09/2022

17 September Cathedral Church of the Risen Christ: James' Mount, Liverpool , L1 7AZ

Arrive: 11:00 17/09/2022 Depart: 14:30 17/09/2022

17 -20 September Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King: Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, L3 5TQ

Arrive: 15:30 17/09/2022 Depart: 07:00 20/09/2022

To register your free place please visit <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/>

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Bishops Conference News www.cbcew.org.uk

At the Food of the Cross' podcast. <https://bit.ly/saints-and-synods-episode-5>

Guests include Canon Christopher Thomas, General Secretary speaking about the Synod, in particular the Bishops' initial reflection 'Seeking Our Hearts' Desire'. He also talks about the relics tour of St Bernadette in England and Wales and he explains what 'Evangelii Gaudium Sunday' is.

Bishop David Oakley talks about a new document from our Committee for Marriage and Family Life called The Joy of Love. It looks at the main themes of the 2016 Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia. Bishop David also explains how we can use the document in our own families.

Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission): Sunday, 18 September 2022

The Third Sunday in September, formerly called Home Mission Sunday, is now Evangelii Gaudium Sunday. Named after Pope Francis' first (solo) Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel, the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Bishops' Conference, [tells us more about the day](https://youtu.be/ZORlvqhw3S0) (<https://youtu.be/ZORlvqhw3S0>) and how you can support this important work. Evangelii Gaudium Sunday will be celebrated in Catholic parishes throughout England and Wales on Sunday, 18 September 2022.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees: Sunday, 25 September 2022

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It's always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

The Vatican has a dedicated section for Migrants and Refugees <https://migrants-refugees.va/>. It is directed personally by Pope Francis and aims to help the Church, and others, to accompany those forced to flee and make sure they are not shut out or left behind.

LGBTQ+ Mass: Sunday, 25 September

Mass will be at 2.00pm at All Saints, Anfield with Archbishop Malcolm followed by a social gathering.

Book launch and public lecture: Saturday 29th October, 2.00 - 3.30pm

St John Stone church hall, Sandbrook Way, Woodvale, Ainsdale, Southport PR8 3RN

Lights for the Path (Veritas, 2022) by John Sullivan

The book provides an introduction to the Catholic intellectual and spiritual tradition for teachers in Catholic schools and universities. Each chapter brings out how the life and work of key men and women across the centuries has continuing relevance for teachers in the 21st century, but also for all adult Christians who want to know more about their faith tradition.

John is Emeritus Professor of Christian Education, Liverpool Hope University; he is author of nine books and more than 100 articles and chapters in the field of religion and education.

Credible Christian Communication Today

The lecture explores the need for and the nature of credible communication of their faith by Christians in our current context.

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- What helps and hinders Christian influence on others?
- Our history of communicating faith
- Pope Francis's emphasis on synodality as the path towards a healthier Church.
- The reality of this moment and the factors affecting our communication of faith
- Including the perspectives of others
- Positive ways forward

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The Irenaeus Project <https://irenaeus.co.uk/who-we-are/>

Youth Ministry: Animate <https://www.animateyouth.org/about-us/meet-the-team/>

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