



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/

REFLECTION For Refugee Week (19th - 23rd June)

God of love and compassion: may we always recognize your spirit:

- in the refugee family, seeking safety from violence;
- in the migrant worker, bringing food to our tables;
- in the asylum-seekers, seeking justice for their families;
- in the unaccompanied child, traveling in a dangerous world.

Give us hearts that break open whenever our brothers and sisters turn to us.

Give us hearts that no longer turn deaf to their voices in times of need;

Give us eyes to recognize a moment for grace instead of a threat.

Give us voices that fail to remain silent but which decide instead to advocate prophetically.

Give us hands that reach out in welcome, but also in work, for a world of justice until all homelands are safe and secure.

Bless us, O Lord...Amen

- Fr. Dan Hartnett S.J.

UPDATE FROM THE PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Catholic Social Action

This month I have been working with colleagues on the Archdiocese environmental policy and strategy. This is in a response to Pope Francis's 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'*; to care for and protect our common home. It follows the call by Archbishop Malcolm to respond to the Ecological Crisis and the practical guidance issued to all Diocesan Departments by the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales in 2019. We work on this applying the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and the methodology of See - Judge - Act. You too can be part of this process, by joining the Environment event on the 15th June (see bulletin). For more information, email p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk

Pablo

Training

I've been having discussions with advisors from other areas of the country and we've been exploring ideas for forthcoming events. Next year is to be a year of prayer in advance of the Jubilee year for 2025. This has great potential to help us to focus on our spiritual development as a diocese. There are several exciting possibilities, and I will keep you updated as they come to fruition.

In the meantime, if you, or anyone you know has recently or previously been welcomed into the Catholic Church, please let them know about the **Mass for New Catholics happening on Wednesday 21st June at 7pm** at the Metropolitan Cathedral. Fr Mark Moran will be celebrating mass and we will conclude the evening with a glass of prosecco, soft drinks and nibbles. It would be wonderful to see you there.

Elizabeth



UPDATE FROM THE LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE

- **RCIA - MASS FOR THE NEW CATHOLICS**

The **Mass for the New Catholics** will now take place on 21st June 2023 at the Metropolitan Cathedral at 7pm. Anyone who has been involved in the RCIA journey would be very welcome to attend. If you have any further questions, please email rcia@rcaol.org.uk.

REFUGEE WEEK (19th – 23rd June) Selected events

- **WELCOME CHURCHES: Welcoming Displaced People**

Monday 19th June 1-3pm at St Barnabas Penny Lane

This event will be an opportunity to hear more about the needs of refugees and asylum seekers in your community, how you can get involved, and how Welcome Churches can support you. To book go to <https://tinyurl.com/4p4wnzpv>

- **'EVERY MIGRANT HAS A NAME, A FACE AND A STORY'**

Friday 23rd June 4-5pm, online

To celebrate Refugee week, this online event will discuss the principles set out in "Love the Stranger"- a new document from the Bishops' Conference. Further details contact Pablo Guidi or visit https://love_the_stranger.eventbrite.com

RESOURCES and EVENTS

- **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS - Online and in person**

Full details can be found on their website: <https://wwme.org.uk>, including an in-person event **10/11 June 2023** (Non-residential, Macclesfield).

- **SOCIAL ACTION NETWORKING ON ENVIRONMENT: Investments as a force for good?** - Thursday 15th June, 6.30, ONLINE

Special network event focusing on how church funds are used in relation to action on climate change. Contact Pablo or visit https://Archdiocese_environment_network.eventbrite.com

- **LOVING 4 LIFE – Ongoing Formation for Sacramental Marriage 2023**

From Shrewsbury Diocese:

17th – 18th June 2023 – this is a 2-day non-residential retreat. Taking place at St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Parish Hall (2 Bentinck Road, Altrincham, WA14 2BP.)

15th – 17th September 2023, this date can be residential or non-residential at Oblate Retreat Centre, Wistaston Hall (89 Broughton Lane, Crew, CW2 8JS)

These retreats include presentations on both the relational and spiritual aspects of marriage to strengthen, heal and enrich your relationship. There is no group sharing. For more information go to www.loving4life.co.uk or email Jane Deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or call 07517 906 435

- **CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION NETWORKING DAY: Shape the Change**

Thursday 6th July, Liverpool

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The purpose of this event is to bring together policy makers, workers and volunteers involved in social action, to interlink themes, make partnerships, and advocate for change. Further details contact Pablo Guidi or visit https://Social_Action_Networking_Event.eventbrite.com

- **CAFOD: Fix the Food System Campaign**

“God blessed them and said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the earth and every tree with seed as its fruit; you shall have them for food,” [Gen. 1: 29]. CAFOD’s Parish Campaign is to ensure that small farmers who grow nearly half of the world’s food can continue to choose to use their own seeds and not be made dependent on huge seed corporations funded by the World Bank. We ask clergy and parishioners’ support by signing jointly a letter at the end of Mass from Salina, a small farmer from Bangladesh, to the World Bank to address this abuse at their October meeting please. No further contact details needed. To find more, search cafod.org.uk/food, or contact CAFOD’s Colette or Ged via liverpool@cafod.org.uk.

- **LIVING THEOLOGY PROGRAMME SUMMER SCHOOL** – at the Loreto Centre, Llandudno from Friday 30th June – Sunday 2nd July. For more information visit: <https://loretocentre.org.uk/living-theology-2023/>

- **The Salvation Army Anti-Trafficking & Modern Slavery Team**

During 2023, they are holding 9 events across the country to celebrate & champion their volunteers, but to also raise awareness of Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking. Anyone is welcome to attend and there are free tickets on sale via our Eventbrite page. Please click <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/atms-roadshow-53861196523> to purchase a free ticket.

- **DIVINE RENOVATION**

Clothed in Power is an opportunity for parishes to explore the topic of the Holy Spirit as the driving force behind mission, evangelisation, and parish renewal. The video includes Dr Mary Healy, Fr Alex Colautti, Sarah Kaczmarek, and Fr John Adams who will share their experiences and insights on the topic. To watch the video, click: <https://divinerenovation.org/clothed-in-power/>

- **THE GOD WHO SPEAKS**

Their April Focus is From Death To Glory – <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/>

There are new resources for the Easter season - <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/lent-and-eastertide-resources/>

Seven Last Sayings of Jesus: what were they and why are they so powerful? - <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/seven-last-sayings-of-jesus/>

Queens in the Bible: Were they good or bad and what did they do? Neil Rees gives a royal tour - <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/chat-echesis/>

Primary School Poetry Challenge: Let the Scriptures Speak for World Poetry Day - www.godwhospeaks.uk/poetry-challenge-let-the-scriptures-speak/

Sunday Reflections continue with David Jackson – <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/april-year-a/>

- **THE SOCIETY OF SAINT GREGORY SUMMER SCHOOL**

Wednesday 26th July – Saturday 29th July 2023, Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool

Exploring the Vatican II documents, with time for questions afterwards.

Speakers include **Bishop John Arnold**, **Professor Claire Ozanne** and **David McLoughin**

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Workshops will focus on practical ideas for parish ministry.

Repertoire & Planning, Repertoire & Outreach – how we plan music in our liturgy.

Liturgical Imagination – how to find the deeper meaning of our celebrations.

Young People and Music in Liturgy – how to help our Young People play and sing.

Symbols & Sacraments – how we help people understand pastoral signs and symbols.

Creating Liturgies – how to be more creative in planning our liturgy

For more information or to book your place, visit: <https://www.ssg.org.uk/summer-school-2023/>

- **CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY NETWORK**

On Holy Ground is a new year-long course being offered by the Spirituality Network, which begins in September 2023. It is an ecumenical spiritual direction training course for Christians who find themselves accompanying another person in their spiritual journey. This foundation course is ideal for all those who would like to train in the ministry of spiritual direction whether ordained or lay. For more information or to complete an application, visit:

<https://www.spidirnetwork.org.uk/training.html>

- **(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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