



# PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN

## **LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

*For the current week's readings and Saints please look at Liturgy Office [www.liturgyoffice.org.uk](http://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/](https://www.catholicireland.net/saints_category/saints/)*

## **REFLECTION: Racial Justice Sunday**

We continue our reflections on diversity in this month of January <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2024> . We also celebrate Racial Justice Sunday, marked in the Catholic Church on **Sunday 28 January**. Here are bidding prayers from a previous year reproduced from Catholic Association for Racial Justice <http://tinyurl.com/3rp42k69>

We pray for all those whose hearts are broken and are crushed in spirit because of their experience racial discrimination in our communities and the wider society; that the Lord through the instrumentality of church, they will experience the love of God again in our Christian community.

Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer

We pray that vulnerable migrant children, who are forced to live far from their homes and are separated from their families, will find in our communities welcome, safety, inclusion and hope for a better future.

Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer

We pray for those in authority, that they may use their position to serve the people well and build a community where injustice and division will give way to justice, peace freedom and love.

Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer



## **UPDATE FROM THE LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE**

### **• VATICAN II SEMINAR & LECTURE SERIES**

The fourth and final Vatican II seminar will take place **Wednesday 28 January**. The seminar will be led by Dr Patricia Jones (Durham University) focussing on *Gaudium et Spes: Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*.

The seminar will start at **3pm** at **Liverpool Hope University**. The seminar can also be attended online through Zoom. Places are limited, so please book your **free tickets** here

<http://bit.ly/3Ql4e5R>

### **• CATECHIST TRAINING**

Catechist training has now began on 24 January 2024. However, if you have missed it and would still like to attend, the next week will be taking place on **7 February at 7pm at the St Margaret Clitherow Centre**, so it wouldn't be too late for you to come and meet the group. We will be offering 3 modules over 13 weeks of training for Catechists. Whether you are considering being a catechist, or are an existing catechist, looking to refresh your knowledge, this course could be for you. Please email: [training@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:training@rcaol.org.uk) for more information.

### **• RCIA – REGISTRATION**

To facilitate a smooth signing and a more streamlined overall celebration please send the forms for the Aaron Kiely in the Archdiocese no later than **Wednesday 31st January**. His email address is [a.kiely@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:a.kiely@rcaol.org.uk)

### **• RCIA – RITE OF ELECTION RUN-THROUGH**

On **31 January**, we will be having a run-through of the Rite of Election with all Catechumens, Candidates and Catechists from RCIA. All are welcome. It will run from **7pm** at the **Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King**.

### **• FACILITATION TRAINING**

We are now offering training for people in our parishes who lead groups. Whether they are for praying, liturgy, or volunteering this 2-hour workshop will provide an opportunity to come together to discuss the format of your group and share new ideas to support the facilitation of your group moving forward. If you are interested in arranging a workshop for your parish or deanery, please contact [e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk)

### **• ARCHDIOCESAN ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE 2024: Saturday 9 March 10:30-3:30**

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School (Hardybutts, Wigan, Lancashire, WN13RZ) will play host to the annual archdiocesan environment conference. Speaking at the conference is Environment and

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Issues Lead for the Catholics Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and Salford Bishop, Bishop John Arnold; Sister Margaret Aitken, and John Paul Dequay. In groups, delegates will begin to think about what environment and sustainability plans and pledges they can make moving forward. The event will also be attended by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon O.P. and a cold buffet-style lunch will be provided. There is a capacity of 50 places so if you are interested in attending, please book your **free tickets** below:

<https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/vr8p9ggi>

- **WELCOMING PEOPLE WITH SIGHT LOSS INTO OUR PARISHES, WITH THE RNIB:  
Monday 29 January, 7:00pm**

*"More than two million people are estimated to be living with sight loss in the UK" according to the RNIB.*

The (ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BLIND PEOPLE) will be running a workshop at the **St Margaret Clitherow Centre** (Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA) to help us learn about some of the challenges faced by those affected by sight loss and explore some helpful methods and strategies which could help us better support people with sight loss in our parish communities. This workshop is **free** and is for anybody looking to support people with sight loss. For those working in our parishes and ministries, you would particularly benefit: if you're a Parish Priest, a Parish Secretary, part of the Welcome Ministry, Chaplaincy or a Catechist. To book a place, please visit [tinyurl.com/3ny3ddxc](https://tinyurl.com/3ny3ddxc) and complete the booking form.

- **VACANCIES AT THE ARCHDIOCESE**

We are currently advertising several vacancies. If you're interested in working for the Archdiocese, you can find an up-to-date list of vacancies available here:

[www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers)

## **RESOURCES AND EVENTS**

- **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY, Sunday 28 January 2024**

Resources can be found on the Catholic Church Bishops' Conference of England and Wales website here <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday/>

- **HOMES, HOUSING AND LAND: Archdiocese Social Action Network Event  
Wednesday 7 February 7-8:30pm online**

In partnership with SVP, Liverpool Archdiocese is running its next workshop. Hear from Housing People Building Communities on their refit of 2 disused Archdiocesan churches and discuss the current housing shortage affecting refugees.

Book: <https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/g3wy7lpi>

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- **ASH WEDNESDAY: 14 February 2024**

Walk of Witness for Peace, Repentance and Reconciliation. Assemble from 1.15pm on steps of St Luke's 'bombed out church' at the top of Bold St, Liverpool L1 2TR. The walk starts at 1.30pm, with Stations of the Cross. Organised by Merseyside Pax Christi. Contact: Jan Harper [janharper20211@outlook.com](mailto:janharper20211@outlook.com)

- **COME & SEE DAY: Irenaeus Centre, Saturday 3 February 10:00am-4:00pm**

Irenaeus are hosting a Come and See Day at the Irenaeus Centre (32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD) on 'The Power of Art' with keynote speaker, Christine Dodd (former Adult Education Advisor for the Diocese of Hallam). Irenaeus advise all attending to bring a packed lunch. For further details please email [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or call 0151 949 1199.

- **AN INSIGHT INTO TRAFFICKING: Irenaeus Centre, Wednesday 7 February 12:45pm**

An afternoon of reflection followed by a light lunch, Petra Smrckova of the Medaille Trust will be sharing her experiences of working with trafficked people at the Irenaeus Centre (32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD). For further details please email [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or call 0151 949 1199.

- **A LOOK AT MARK'S GOSPEL: Irenaeus Centre, Thursday 8 - 29 February 10:30am-12:00pm**

Over several weeks in February the Irenaeus Centre will be taking a look at Mark's Gospel:

- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February (10:30am-12:00pm)
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February (10:30am-12:00pm)
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February (10:30am-12:00pm)
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February (10:30am-12:00pm)

Zoom links and further information are available by emailing [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or calling 0151 949 1199.

- **LOOKING TOWARDS THE CROSS: Irenaeus Centre, 5-26 March 7:00pm-8:30pm**

Lenten evenings hosted at the Irenaeus Centre:

- Tuesdays 5<sup>th</sup> March (7:00pm-8:30pm)
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March (7:00pm-8:30pm)
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March (7:00pm-8:30pm)
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (7:00pm-8:30pm)

Zoom links and further information available by emailing [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or calling 0151 949 1199.

- **WALKING THE WAY OF THE PASSION, Wednesday 27 & Sunday 31 March**

Limited residential places available at the Irenaeus Centre so please book early. For further details email [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or call 0151 949 1199.

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**The Irenaeus Project**      <https://www.irenaeus.co.uk/>

**Youth Ministry: Animate**      <https://www.animateyouth.org/>

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