



# PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN

## **LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

For the current weeks 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/)

*From Easter Sunday's Gospel:*

*"So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead."*

John 20: 3-9

From all of us at Pastoral Development, we wish you all a Happy Easter.

## **UPDATE FROM THE PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM**

- **Catholic Social Action – Environmental Action ready for Spring**

As the seasons change we sense the transformation all around us – sunshine warms, buds bloom, birdsong rings out. This reminds of a wider change that we are experiencing in terms of changing climate. For this we also need to be transformed. In his work encyclical, *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis asks us to transform the way we have viewed our relationship with the earth. The Care for Creation workshops that are taking place across parishes are a perfect way to think and act on this important subject. So look out for these, and get involved.

*Pablo*

- **Training development – Chrism Mass**

When considering the Chrism Mass this year, a theme that we followed was 'Enlarge the Space in your Tent': inspired by the working document for the Continental Stage of the Synod. As the document describes, 'Enlarging the tent requires welcoming others into it, making room for their diversity.' As a result, we have endeavoured to invite people to take part from a variety of locations around the Liverpool Archdiocese - the Isle of Man, Warrington and Widnes, Lancashire, Knowsley, Liverpool North and Liverpool South deaneries. We have families from Hong Kong and Ukraine, as well as people who supported the Archdiocesan Ukrainian appeal. It is wonderful to have the opportunity to celebrate this diversity and we thank all of those who are giving their time to make the Chrism Mass such a fantastic celebration. For more information about the Continental Synod Working Document, click here: <https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/common/phases/continental-stage/dcs/Documento-Tappa-Continentale-EN.pdf>

*Elizabeth*



## UPDATE FROM THE LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE

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

The **Mass for the New Catholics** will now take place on 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:rcia@rcaol.org.uk).

- **WELCOMING PEOPLE WITH AUTISM IN OUR PARISHES** - We are pleased to announce that Susan Hartley will be providing a Zoom workshop on 'Welcoming People with Autism in our Parishes' on 29th April 2023 between 10am – 1pm. To register for the workshop and receive the zoom link, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/welcoming-people-with-autism-in-our-parishes-tickets-595751367377>

- **COST OF LIVING CRISIS: Warm and Cosy spaces in our parish centres**

Venues continue to be open 1pm to 3.30pm across the archdiocese (more details here <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news/warm-and-cosy-with-the-archdiocese-of-liverpool>)  
If you would like to get more involved, contact [p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk).

- **COST OF LIVING CRISIS:**

**Liverpool archdiocese networking and information session for volunteers & staff:**

*Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 6: 30, ONLINE*

**The purpose of this event** is to bring together all the work that is going on across the archdiocese working with foodbanks, debt advice, warm spaces etc. **Who is it for?** From anyone who wants to help, but are unsure how to, and volunteers/ workers who can share experiences and services with others. For information and registration go to:

[https://Archdiocese\\_network\\_costofliving.eventbrite.com](https://Archdiocese_network_costofliving.eventbrite.com)

## RESOURCES and EVENTS

- **SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS TRAINING COURSE**

The Spirituality Network is offering an **Introduction to Spiritual Direction Course** beginning on **20th April 2023**. In order to discern the right people for this course, they would like to meet in person with those applying for an interview. These will be held at **The Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Liverpool L15 6TW**. If you are interested and would like an application form, please contact [ann.goddard@liverpool.anglican.org](mailto:ann.goddard@liverpool.anglican.org) by 10am on Monday 6th March 2023

- **AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS PODCAST**

Canon Christopher Thomas takes you through Holy Week day-by-day and encourages you to play a full part in the Chrism Mass and Sacred Triduum. Click: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/podcast/holy-week-episode-12/>

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

An opportunity to deepen your life and faith as a couple through this retreat. The next date available is **13 and 14 May 2023**. The programme is delivered by experienced laity couples and a

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priest and is supported by the Bishops Conference. Full details of these experiences can be found on their website: <https://wwme.org.uk>. Further dates include **10/11 June 2023** (Non-residential Macclesfield).

- **LIVING THOLOGY 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/>
- **MARRIAGE PREPARATION (ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS)**  
These further weekends are also available 22-29 April 2023 (online over two Saturdays) and cost £75. For more details, please visit: <https://engaged-encounter.org.uk/book-a-weekend/>
- **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/>
- **BOSTON COLLEGE ONLINE COURSE ON SYNODALITY**  
Last July Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry launched a free, multi-language online course on building a synodal Church. The first phase, *Common Discernment and Decision Making in a Synodal Church*, is designed to teach Catholics the theology and practice of synodality. To learn more or to register, visit the course website: <https://formaciononline.bc.edu/en/home/>
- **EUROPEAN SYNODAL CONTINENTAL ASSEMBLY**  
You can catch up on the continental stage of the Universal Synod through the recorded videos here: <https://prague.synod2023.org/en/>
- **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/>  
Easter Triduum: what is it and what happens? - <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-easter-triduum/>  
Seven Last Sayings of Jesus: what were they and why are they so powerful? - <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/seven-last-sayings-of-jesus/>  
Art and Bible video for Good Friday on The Merciful Knight - <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-merciful-knight/>  
Art and Bible video for Eastertide on Doubting Thomas - <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/video-doubting-thomas/>

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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/](http://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 26<sup>th</sup> July – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2023*

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

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

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>

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