



Pastoral Development Bulletin

for the Baptism of the Lord – 9 January 2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we begin 2022, the Pastoral Development Department wishes you all a healthy and peaceful year ahead. And, as you can see, we have a new format to our PD bulletin thanks to our talented Comms team, to keep you updated with formation opportunities and news from our department and beyond.

A few highlights in this week's bulletin include:

- Details of how to participate in the **Universal Synod 2021- 2023, for a synodal church: communion, participation, mission**
- The **Justice and Peace Memorial Lecture** with **Dr Lorna Gold**, a climate change fighter whose book *Climate Generation Awakening to our Children's Future* is essential reading
- **Listening to the Margins for Hope** - the web launch on Zoom with **Christine Allen Director of CAFOD** highlighting the legacies of **Frs Tom Cullin, Kevin Kelly** and **Austin Smith**.
- Plus on a practical note, **Sycamore** is launching a new pathway, *Growing in Faith Together*, a resource to help parishes and communities **support engaged and married couples**.



Universal Synod on Synodality

Submissions: 10 January 2022 – 10 March 2022

Synod 2021-2023 for a synodal church: communion, participation, mission called by Pope Francis for 2023 was opened on 9 October 2021. Due to the proximity of the launch of our own archdiocesan **Pastoral Plan**, the start of our reflection process was delayed in Liverpool until the New Year.

As an archdiocese, we are providing opportunities to participate, albeit in a somewhat "lighter" way than our recent Synod 2020 listening and discussion processes. Resources and submissions are online from **Monday 10 January – Thursday 10 March 2022**. The submissions received for the universal Synod will be combined with those from Synod 2020 and will form our archdiocesan response.

We have streamlined the submission process as much as possible without losing the breadth of focus that has been provided by the Vatican Synod Office. **The preferred method of submitting responses is online www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/synod2023** although email and postal submissions are, of course, possible. **The deadline for all responses is 10 March 2022.**

A summary of the process and the themes are available to view and download on the **diocesan website**. Further information and resources are on the Bishop's Conference website **www.cbcew.org.uk/synodal-church/** or the Vatican website **www.synod.va**.

The coordinators for the Archdiocese are Fr Philip Inch and Helen Jones whose contact details can be found at the end of this bulletin. The email for all universal synod enquiries: **vaticansynod@rcaol.org.uk**



Archdiocese of Liverpool
Justice & Peace Commission

Memorial Lecture 2022

16 January 2022, 2 – 4pm on Zoom

The Justice & Peace Commission is delighted to confirm that **Dr Lorna Gold** will be joining them on Zoom for what promises to be a very relevant and timely talk looking at the **environment in relation to Synodality** for the Memorial Lecture 2022. There will be opportunity for Q&A and discussion. Register at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMuf-mvrzwwG9PD06lFRwfu8PF66XLA4B8d>

Dr Gold is director of movement building with FaithInvest. Prior to her current role, she led Trócaire's policy, research and advocacy activities in Ireland for almost two decades. She holds a PhD in economic geography from the University of Glasgow, is chair of the board of the Laudato Si' movement and a member of the Vatican Covid-19 Commission Economic Taskforce. Her newest book, *Climate Generation: Awakening to Our Children's Future* (NCP 2018), was described by Naomi Klein as **"an anguished journey into the heart of the climate crisis."** It tells her personal story of waking up to the ecological emergency as a mother, academic and activist. Her academic research interests include the just transition, civil society movements and the role of faith groups in climate activism and she lectures part time at Maynooth University, Ireland. **She is a leading voice on faith-consistent investing within the Catholic Church** and supported the Irish Bishops' Conference to divest from fossil fuels in 2018. Other publications: *New Financial Horizons – The Emergence on the Economy of Communion* (NCP 2011).



Listening to the Margins for Hope

With Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD

Saturday 15th January 2022 at 1:30 pm on Zoom

Website Launch: **www.fr-tom-cullinan.co.uk**

Frs Tom Cullinan, Kevin Kelly & Austin Smith

Three remarkable priests with three remarkable visions for today. Join us and explore how their lives were disturbed by the peace of Christ and freed from unimaginative orthodoxies, and to discuss how we as individuals, groups and parishes can continue to learn from and be inspired by their living legacy.

Time: 1.30-4.30pm

NB: this event was originally to be held in person so the end time for a Zoom session maybe different from the one given above.

Register for Zoom link at

prophets.disciples.teachers@gmail.com

Please indicate your interest in this event.



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.

Sycamore

Growing in Faith Together

12 January 2022 at 7:30pm on Zoom



Sycamore is launching a new pathway, 'Growing in Faith Together', a resource to help parishes and communities support engaged and married couples.

This webinar is aimed at **catechists, leaders, clergy, diocesan coordinators, parish teams and groups** who would like to accompany and support couples in the life of the church. The session will comprise of:

- An introductory tour of the new pathway and accompanying resources,
- Q&A with the Marriage & Family Life team involved in this collaboration (including the Archdiocese of Southwark)
- Opportunity to share experiences, good practice, ideas and support in running the new pathway.

To book a place please register <https://sycamoregift.eventbrite.co.uk>



The God who Speaks

Resources for January 2022

Bible Resolutions

godwhospeaks.uk/new-years-bible-resolutions godwhospeaks.uk/our-bible-resolutions

Sunday of the Word of God resources for 23rd January 2022

godwhospeaks.uk/sunday-of-the-word-of-god

Life to the Full: Active Participation in the Liturgy with Canon Pat Hartnett

godwhospeaks.uk/life-to-the-full-active-participation-in-the-liturgy

Bible phrases in the Mass Charts

godwhospeaks.uk/new-years-bible-resolutions/bible-phrases-in-the-mass

Top Bible translations for all ages

www.godwhospeaks.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Our-Top-Bible-Translations.pdf

BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS

Book of Revelation in *Clothed in White Robes* by Fr Michael Hall

godwhospeaks.uk/clothed-in-white-robos

The Final and 10th Creation Commandment by Fr Michael Hall *Know that your freedom has limits*

godwhospeaks.uk/commandment-10-know-that-your-freedom-has-limits-the-centre-of-creation

ART & CULTURE

Women in Scripture Art

godwhospeaks.uk/art-and-culture/women-in-scripture

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