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Alpha	THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA Churches of St Robert Bellarmine and English Martyrs Parish Priest: Canon Mark Madden Tel 0151 922 1352/0151 928 3471 Registered Charity No 1199714 23rd February 2025 – 2 March 2025	Omega

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

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Sunday 2 March	(English Martyrs)	9.30 am	Bridget McDermott
Sunday 2 March	**(St Robert's)**	**11.00 am**	**Dave Taylor**
Monday 3 March	(English Martyrs)	10.00 am	Paul Nickson
Tuesday 4 March	**(St Robert's)**	**10.00 am**	**Joe England**

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 5 March	**(St Robert's)**	**10.00 am**	**M Boyle**
Wednesday 5 March	(English Martyrs)	6.00 pm	**Perpetual Mass List**
Thursday 6 March	NO MASS		
Friday 7 March	**(St Robert's)**	**10.00 am**	**Joe Morley**

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR C)

Sunday 9 March	(English Martyrs)	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday 9 March	**(St Robert's)**	**11.00 am**	**Ann French**

PARISH OFFICES

The Parish Office for St Robert's and St Elizabeth's can be contacted on 0151 922 1352 or by email strobert@rcaol.org.uk - Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 9:30am-1:30pm.

The Parish Office for English Martyrs can be contacted on 0151 928 3471 or by email englishmartyrs@rcaol.org.uk - Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - 9:30am-2:30pm.

Please pray for the following who have died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Lately Dead: David Ford, Anthony Medlicott, Hugh Henderson

Anniversaries:

Please remember the sick and those who care for them:
Hazel Dempster, Rachel Capener, Alan Mercer, Colin Faulke, Robbie Pennington, Gary Ford, Kathleen Colleran, Rose Westhead, Tony Mitchell, Sheila Thompson, Alan Wain, Dougie Wain, Janet Broomfield, Anthony Ward, Frances Williamson, Harriet Lawler, Paul James, Carol Barnes, Ged Barnes, Ellen Carragher, Ed Schofield, Wendi Warner, John Mitchell, Joe Mitchell, Fr Des Seddon, Ann Marie Hore, June Keir, Michelle Leadbetter, Marie Hughes, Ray Keir

To be included on the sick list please, write down names and post them in the presbytery letter box, or email the Parish Office – strobert@rcaol.org.uk
Please make the person aware, as they may not want their name published.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What beam in my eye will I remove this Lent? What fruit will I produce during Lent? In other words, what two concrete things will I do to see more clearly and to contribute to Jesus' mission?

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

It's very easy to be judgmental, especially these days. Social media tends to encourage and reinforce that behaviour. Before we know it, we've disparaged someone for what they said or did. Let today's Gospel be a warning to us. Notice that it offers an alternative. Refocus. When it comes to failings, look in the mirror, not out to the world. Especially as we enter Lent, we should practice examining our consciences. If we do so honestly, we can identify how to improve ourselves and the way we see others. Note also the way Jesus counsels us to handle the faults in others. We're not told to condemn our brother or accuse our sister. No, we're called to kindly help them. Then both you and they will be better.

Today's Gospel has a lot to say about our eyes and our brother's (or sister's). But there is another pair of eyes to think about today: God's eyes. Over the last few weeks, we have heard Jesus teaching his disciples how to see the world through God's eyes. He told his disciples that God does not see poor people as misfortunate, but as the inheritors of the kingdom. Those who are hungry, grieving, or maligned will end up joyful. God foresees what we cannot. God calls us to love our enemies because God does not see enemies but fellow children of God. God sees us stumbling from the wooden beam in our eye and wants us to be healthy and whole. Let us pray for the grace to see our lives from God's eyes. How much differently will we see?

Saint Paul leaves the Corinthians a farewell message:

"Be . . . fully devote to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain". This ties in so well with Jesus' call to his disciples, here and elsewhere, to bear good fruit. We are called to put our faith into action, to make the world better, to give a glimpse of the kingdom through our actions. We are known by the fruit we produce. What fruit have we produced or are we producing?

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Although it is not a Holyday of Obligation, ashes will be distributed at Mass at St Robert's at 10.00am and at English Martyrs at 6.00pm on Wednesday 5th March, to mark the beginning of Lent.

There will be also be mass and ashes at Our Lady of Walsingham Church at 9.15 am.

CONFIRMATION 2025

Any young person currently in year 8 or above is welcome to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
Please register at
www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk
Registration closes on 17 March.

MY DAY BY DAY – LENT AND EASTER

We have some new books in our piety stall for daily readings and scripture for Lent and Easter – price is £1.00 each

SURVIVE-MIVA

This is a Catholic lay Association, based in Liverpool and founded in 1974, which provides grants to fund essential transport for health outreach work in isolated rural areas, and for the Church's pastoral care in places of difficult access, across Africa, Asia and Latin America.

This weekend. Geraldine Roberts-Stone, will join us to tell us more about this Association and a retiring collection will be taken to help its important work.

For more information: www.survive-miva.org

BOUNDARY CONSULTATION

It has been proposed, that to better enable good pastoral care, the boundaries of Saint Josephine Bakhita parish and Saint Oscar Romero Parish be slightly changed.
The territory of the former parish of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary below the canal (towards the river) will become part of an enlarged parish of Saint Oscar Romero. This means that the pastoral care of the school of Saint Elizabeth will become the responsibility of the parish priest of Saint Oscar Romero parish.

If you have any comments on this proposal, please put them in writing to your parish office by 12 noon on Tuesday 4 March or to the Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Organisation, Mgr. Philip Inch
holyrosary@rcaol.org.uk

A PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

O merciful Father, You have called Your servant Pope Francis to shepherd Your Church with faith and love. In his time of need, we turn to You, the Divine Physician, and humbly ask that You extend
Your healing hand upon him. Grant him strength in body, mind, and spirit, so that he may continue to lead Your people with steadfast devotion. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, we place him under Your loving care, trusting in Your divine will.

We ask this in the name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

JOURNEY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS

A silent retreat led by Sr. Moira Meeghan at the Irenaeus Centre. 7th – 9th March.
Residential places are available.
The cost is: Non-residential with meals £70.00
or Residential £95.00
To book contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

COFFEE MORNING

After mass at St Robert's on Sunday mornings in the George Inch Hall.