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 16th February 2025 – 23rd February 2025	Omega

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Sunday 16 February	(English Martyrs)	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday 16 February	**(St Robert's)**	**11.00 am**	**Violet and John Kelly**
Monday 17 February	(English Martyrs)	12.00 noon	Robert Paterson (Funeral Mass)
Tuesday 18 February	**(St Robert's)**	**10.00 am**	**Thomas and Esther O'Shea**
Thursday 20 February	(English Martyrs)	10.00 am	John Fairclough
Friday 21 February	**(St Robert's)**	**10.00 am**	**Jim McCloskey**

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

Sunday 23 February	(English Martyrs)	9.30 am	Harry Jackson
Sunday 23 February	**(St Robert's)**	**11.00 am**	**People of the Parish**

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:

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, Gill Platt, Ann Marie Hore, Michael Coyne, June Keir, Eugene McIntyre, Michelle Leadbetter, Marie Hughes

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 about my life is Jesus calling me to change so that I may be blessed? If I have plenty of money, food, and happiness, what can I do to be blessed?

SUNDAY THOUGHTS

Jeremiah contrasts those who place their trust in humanity and those who place their trust in God by using nature to make an analogy. Those who misplace their trust are like a bush that is dry, stagnant, and barren while those who trust God are like a tree that constantly grows, thrives, and bears fruit. The psalmist echoes this likening. Jesus picks up on it in today's Gospel. Those whose life is easy, who have plenty of everything, who cling to their wealth will end up as hungry, thirsty, and sad as the barren bush. But those who thirst for God despite their impoverished situation will be rewarded with joy, laughter, and the kingdom of heaven.

St Paul reminds us that our belief in the resurrection gives us the hope that we may live eternally in the kingdom of God. Jesus himself lived a life involving no possessions, much grief, and strong opposition, which eventually led to his execution. His reward is indeed great in heaven. That reward is now our reward, for he has won us our salvation.

Just last weekend we heard Jesus call his first disciples: Simon Peter, James, and John. Today we hear him talking to a much larger audience, though Luke says he was looking at his disciples when he spoke. Much as he explicitly called them to follow him on his mission, today we hear him implicitly call them to live by a different set of values. Then, as now, people naturally valued wealth and happiness and sufficiency. If Jesus had preached in support of these, many people would have been pleased. After all, wasn't success in life a sign that God smiled upon them? But no. Jesus tells them just the opposite. It is the poor who will inherit the kingdom of God. It is the hungry, the grief-stricken, and the maligned who will "rejoice and leap for joy". This radical, countercultural call to his disciples then is his radical, countercultural call to us disciples now.

WEEKDAY MASS

On Monday we celebrate the Funeral Mass for the late Robert Paterson at midday at English Martyrs.

May he rest in peace.

JACK TRAYNOR MASS

For those who have registered to attend the Mass in the Cathedral on Tuesday evening, the bus will leave St Robert Bellarmine church on Tuesday at 5.45 pm.

COFFEE MORNING

Join us after mass at St Robert's on Sunday mornings for a cup of tea, coffee and a biscuit in the George Inch Hall.

All are welcome.

Catholic Pic

The February issue of the Catholic Pic is now available.
Unfortunately, printed copies have not yet arrived.

You can view it online at;
https://issuu.com/catholic_pic/docs/catholic_pic_february_2025

CIVIC MASS 2025

Sunday 2 March (book tickets now)
The Dean of the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool, Monsignor Anthony O'Brien, has pleasure in inviting you and your partner/guest to attend the Annual Civic Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon. The Mass will be on Sunday 2 March 2025 at 11.00am. Light refreshments will be served in the Gibberd Room after Mass.
If you are able to attend, please RSVP to c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk
If you would like a Car Park Pass for the Cathedral Car Park, please advise when accepting the invitation and one will be sent to

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.

Join the Animate team and special guests live for the Sacrament of Confirmation Online Preparation Sessions on 1 May and 15 May from 16.30-18.00 on the Animate Youth YouTube channel. No log in required. This session will offer a reminder of some of the work done in schools on Gifts of the Spirit, Saints, Rite of Confirmation. You will also hear how Confirmation has affected different people in the Archdiocese. This is to run alongside your Local Parish/Deanery preparation.

Animate will also be offering a special session on Monday 31 March (16.30-18.00) for those who attend non-Catholic schools or schools outside the Archdiocese on YouTube. Please register as normal at liverpoolcalled.co.uk; you will be contacted after Monday 17 March with login details. Please save the date

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