Alpha	THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA Churches of St Robert Bellarmine and Our Lady and the English Martyrs **Parish Priest: Canon Mark Madden** Tel 0151 922 1352/0151 928 3471 Registered Charity No 1199714 2nd February 2025 – 9th February 2025	Omega

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Sunday 2 February	(English Martyrs)	9.30 am	People of the parish
Sunday 2 February	**(St Robert's)**	**11.00 am**	**Catherine King (Birthday Remembrance)**
Monday 3 February	(English Martyrs)	10.00 am	Bob Lambert and Nicola
Tuesday 4 February	**(St Robert's)**	**10.00 am**	**Eileen, Eugene and Thomas Callaghan (Remembrance)**
Thursday 6 February	(English Martyrs)	10.00 am	Michael O'Neill
Friday 7 February	**(St Robert's)**	**NO MASS TODAY**	

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

Sunday 9 February	(English Martyrs)	9.30 am	Betty Scott
Sunday 9 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: Margaret Gregory, Stephanie Colebourn

Anniversaries: Violet Kelly, John Kelly, Chrissie Murray, Peter Dolan

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.

DEANERY SYNODAL COUNCIL

'The Deanery Synodal Council met on Monday 13th January. The main item on its agenda was the impact of all the recent changes. It is clear that some parishes have been more impacted than others –[but this does not mean that we are not all involved in this. It was made clear that decisions have been made to enable us to respond to 3 less priests in the Deanery. The DSC renewed its commitment to the principles that led to the summer schedule – there would be a weekend Mass in each church. There would only be more than one Mass if numbers or capacity demanded and we would try to ensure that changes were made so that each parish could rely on the support of the others. In the light of this there is an openness to make changes if and when they feel to be needed.
The other item on the agenda is the forthcoming Parish Development Strategy that is being piloted across the 3 Sefton deaneries. This is something that the Diocese is rolling out across every Deanery in order to help the realisation of the pastoral plan.'

FUNERALS THIS WEEK

There will be a Funeral Service for **Stephanie Colebourn** on Thursday 6th February at 9:30 am at St Robert Bellarmine's Church.

May She Rest In Peace

WEEKDAY MASS

Fr Mark is in London this week to report to the Bishops' of England & Wales on the recent meeting of the Holy Land Coordination. Therefore, there will be no Mass on Friday

SAVE THE DATE

Following the announcement in December of the miraculous cure of John (Jack) Traynor, the Archdiocese of Liverpool will be celebrating this historic moment with Mass followed by a drinks reception at the Cathedral on Tuesday 18th February at 7.00pm.

If you would like to attend, please fill in the form linked below. As we are expecting it to be a popular event, we need to know numbers in advance for both health & safety and catering purposes.
To make it easier for more people from across our archdiocese to attend, we are looking into the prospect of sending free coaches from each deanery area. If you are interested in this, please let us know on this form so we can gauge interest from every area. Please include your contact details so we can get in touch with further details.
https://forms.office.com/e/U9Vg0WK4pW

FEAST OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Saturday 8th February is the Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita. We wish you all a very happy feast day.

CONFIRMATION 2025

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

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 t;
https://issuu.com/catholic_pic/docs/catholic_pic_february_2025

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father of goodness and love,
Hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.
Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence.
Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits.
May these special people find lasting health and deliverance and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts.
We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed.
Amen

THE MEN OF ST JOSEPH

A chapter of the National Organisation "The Men of St Joseph" will be launching in Liverpool and is looking for members. They aim to engage men across the archdiocese in prayer, study, and fellowship in the image of St Joseph - a model of fatherhood, courage, and purity. They will be holding a meeting at St. Helen's Church, Crosby, L23 7TQ on Wednesday, 5th February, 7pm - you are welcome to join. To learn more about the group, visit: www.mosj.co.uk

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 you.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Our parish needs more people to become Eucharistic Ministers, and the next Training Day will take place on Saturday 15 March at Irenaeus in Waterloo. If you would like to volunteer, please give your name to the Parish Office as soon as possible.