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 26th January 2025 – 2nd February 2025	Omega

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Sunday 26 January	(English Martyrs)	9.30 am	Cecilia Byrne
Sunday 26 January	**(St Robert's)**	**11.00 am**	**People of the Parish**
Monday 27 January	(English Martyrs)	10.00 am	Jack Wright
Tuesday 28 January	**(St Robert's)**	**10.00 am**	**Jim Clifford (Get Well)**
Thursday 30 January	(English Martyrs)	10.00 am	Betty Scott
Friday 31 January	**(St Robert's)**	**10.00 am**	**Private Intention (AC)**

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (YEAR C)

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)**

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:

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.'

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.

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

CRIB

The crib will remain in place until the Feast of the Presentation (2 February).

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 January issue of the Catholic Pic is now available at the back of church.

You can view it online at;
https://issuu.com/catholic_pic/docs/catholic_pic_january_2025

SEEING YOURSELF THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

LUKE 1:1-4, 4:14-21

1. The story is a story of abundance, the abundance of the blessings God gives us. How have you been aware of the abundance of God's blessings? Let the memories lead you to prayer of thanks and praise for the times in your life when that joy and fulfilment have been very real to you.
2. The *hour* of Jesus had not yet come when the glory of God would be fully revealed, yet even so something of the glory of God was revealed in the sign that took place. For us also the revelation of the full glory of God lies in the future, but we do get glimpses along the way. Recall some of the *signs* that have revealed to you something of the glory of God, e.g., nature, art, friendship, etc.
3. Mary/Jesus. It is interesting to note that despite the apparent rebuff, Mary is the first person in the narrative to show (at the level of the action of the story) that the correct response to the presence of Jesus is to trust in him. When have you trusted in the word of Jesus like that? What relationships do you have that you can trust like that? Do you recall times when your trust was rewarded even when you had been initially disappointed?

ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTORY

The 2025 Archdiocesan Directory is available to buy at the back of church.

Cost is £4.00

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CONFIRMATION 2025

Any young person currently in year 8 or above is welcome to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Registration opened on 13 January and closes on 17 March.

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