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 19th January 2025 – 26th January 2025	Omega

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Sunday 19 January	(English Martyrs)	9.30 am	Michael McDermott
Sunday 19 January	**(St Robert's)**	**11.00 am**	**Holly Pennington (Sick)**
Monday 20 January	(English Martyrs)	10.00 am	Henry Simpson
Tuesday 21 January	**(St Robert's)**	**10.00 am**	**Leila Bromilow**
Thursday 23 January	(English Martyrs)	10.00 am	Joseph Kirwin
Friday 24 January	**(St Robert's)**	**10.00 am**	**Jim McCloskey (Lately Dead)**

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

Sunday 26 January	(English Martyrs)	9.30 am	Cecilia Byrne
Sunday 26 January	**(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

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.

WELCOME

This week we extend a very warm welcome to Fr Stephen Giles who is very kindly looking after masses while Fr Mark is in the Holy Land.

HOLY LAND COORDINATION 2025

Fr Mark is away this week to attend the 2025 Bishops' Holy Land Coordination meeting, which will be held in Jerusalem this year.

Pope John Paul II, at the end of last century, commissioned a group of Catholic Bishops from around the world to visit the Catholic community in the Holy Land in his name and in the name of the Catholic Church, to show pastoral support to Catholic community of the Holy Land. Since 2000 a group of Bishops have done this and have then reported back to Rome on what they have seen, heard and experienced. They visit communities hole meetings with Church & Religious Leaders, Politicians, Ambassadors and Heads of State.

Fr Mark has been an advisor to the Group since 2006, and in 2012, Rome appointed him as its General Secretary. He is responsible for informing the Bishops throughout the year and preparing and planning their annual meeting, which takes place every January.

They will be based in Jerusalem and will visit communities in Aboud, Ramallah, Taybeh and Bethlehem. They will meet Church Leaders and will have a meeting with a number of Ambassadors.

You can follow progress of the meeting at
www.cbcew.org.uk
Please keep them in your prayers.

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

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

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?

CRIB

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

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.

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.
www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk