Alpha	THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA Churches of St Robert Bellarmine, St Elizabeth of Hungary and Our Lady and the English Martyrs Parish Priest: Canon Mark Madden Tel 0151 922 1352/0151 928 3471 Registered Charity No 1199714 12th January 2025 – 19th January 2025	Omega

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Sunday 12 January	(English Martyrs)	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday 12 January	**(St Robert's)**	**11.00 am**	**Ken Williams (Remembrance)**
Monday 13 January	(English Martyrs)	10.00 am	Theresa McGuirk (Requiem Mass)
Tuesday 14 January	**(St Robert's)**	**10.00 am**	**Leila Bromilow**
Thursday 16 January	(English Martyrs)	10.00 am	Peggy O'Dea
Friday 17 January	**(St Robert's)**	**10.00 am**	**Ann Marie Hore (Sick)**

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

Sunday 19 January	(English Martyrs)	9.30 am	Michael McDermott
Sunday 19 January	**(St Robert's)**	**11.00 am**	**Holly Pennington (Sick)**

THE PARISH OFFICE

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 or at St Robert's presbytery.
The Parish Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between 9:30am and 1:30pm.
Any calls or messages outside these times will not be answered immediately, but you will receive a call back as soon as possible.

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

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.

GOODBYE AND WELCOME

Fr Faustinus left us on Monday and wants to thank everyone for the kind words, cards, gifts and messages he received.

For those who were unable to be at mass last weekend, his farewell message has been placed on the notice board at the back of church if you wish to read it.

This weekend, we extend a very warm welcome to Fr Mark Madden, as our Parish Priest.

Please keep them both in your prayers.

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 haver 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.

CONFIRMATION 2025

Any young person currently in year 8 or above is welcome to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Registration opens on 13 January and closes on 17 March. www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk

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.

All are welcome to attend. More information and booking details will follow.

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.

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

JUBILEE PRAYER

During this Jubilee Year, we encourage you to pray the Jubilee Prayer each day.

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given
us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts
by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us
the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us into tireless
cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,
Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.
Amen

AN INVITE TO A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

The Vatican Synod clearly says that in the appointment of bishops the voice of synodal bodies must be heard. As you know, the process is underway for the appointment of a new Archbishop of Liverpool. You are invited to contribute to this process to have your voice heard. This is an exciting development in the life of the Church! There will be two meetings, held with the blessing of Archbishop Malcolm, on:
Thursday 16th January 2025 at St Mary's Leyland, PR25 1PD (7.00pm – 9.30pm)
and
Saturday 18th Jan 2025 at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, L17 1AA (10.30am - 1.00pm)
Each gathering will be the same – so only come to one of them. There will be two parts to the meeting: Firstly, we will begin by looking at where we are as a diocese and our future development and secondly we will consider the qualities needed in our future Archbishop.
To reserve a place at one of the meetings please go to www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk
Go to the events page and scroll down to find the online registration form.