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: Fr Faustinus Ugwuanyi Tel 0151 922 1352 Registered Charity No 1199714 21st December 2024 – 29th December 2024	Omega

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

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Saturday 21 December	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Maureen and James McManus (Remembrance)**
Sunday 22 December	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Jody Pennington (Anniversary Remembrance)
Tuesday 24 December	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Leila Bromilow (Birthday)

CHRISTMAS EVE – FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS

Tuesday 24 December	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Harry and Margaret O'Donnell (Remembrance)**
Tuesday 24 December	(St Robert's)	7.00 pm	Fr Barry McAllister (Christmas Remembrance)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday 25 December	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**9.30 am**	**People of the Parish**
Wednesday 25 December	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	People of the Parish
Friday 27 December	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Eileen Callaghan (Anniversary Remembrance)

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (YEAR C)

Saturday 28 December	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**People of the Parish(Remembrance)**
Sunday 29 December	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Carl Jones (Birthday Remembrance)

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: Jody Pennington,

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

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.

SEEING YOURSELF THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL LUKE 1:39-44

1. The greeting of Elizabeth to Mary 'Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb' is a joyful welcome of the child to come. Bringing new life into the world through pregnancy and birth is one of the most awesome human experiences. How have you experienced this for yourself or in someone close to you?

2. The image of the pregnant Mary going a distance to visit her cousin is a symbol of her willingness to look beyond her own needs to the needs of another. When have you witnessed that kind of generosity in others, or have been able to act in this way yourself?

3. Mary is praised for her faith, because she believed the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled. In this she is a model for us. In what ways have you experienced blessings from your faith and trust in God's promises? What are God's promises that mean the most to you?

John Byrne OSA

WEEKEND MASS TIMES FROM JANUARY

The Deanery priests met last week to try and propose a weekend mass schedule that will enable us to cover the changes that take place in the first two weeks of January.

St Elizabeth's will celebrate a final Latin Rite Mass on Saturday 4 January at 5.00pm.

Mass times at St Robert's will remain at 11.00am on Sunday mornings and Mass at English Martyrs will be at 9.30am on Sunday mornings.

There are more details on the separate Deanery letter available at the back of church.

FATHER FAUSTINUS

As we all know, Fr Faustinus leaves us in January to take up a new position as Chaplain to the Royal Liverpool Hospital and Priest at the Cathedral. Many people have asked if we are having a collection for him. There are envelopes available at the back of church marked 'special collection' if you wish to make a donation towards a gift for him. Please return the envelopes to the box at the back of church.

CONFIRMATION 2025

Any young person currently in year 8 is welcome to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Registration will open on 13 January and close on 17 March.

The short biography of St Josephine Bakhita has been placed on the notice board at St Elizabeth's and St Robert's.



Catholic Pic

The December 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_december_2024

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 14/15 DEC

St Elizabeth of Hungary £151.96

St Robert Bellarmine £230.65
CAFOD £2.00
Many thanks for your kindness and generosity.

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

CHRISTMAS WISHES

A very Happy Christmas and a blessed New Year to all Parishioners of St Elizabeth's and St Robert Bellarmine's and to any visitors over the holiday season.

Thank you to all those who have helped to prepare both Churches for Christmas.

Also, a very sincere thank you for all your cards, gifts and good wishes from Fr Faustinus.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thank You to everyone who supported the Christmas Raffle.

THE WHITECHAPEL CENTRE

We are collecting tea, coffee and biscuits for the Whitechapel Centre again this year. If you are able, please leave your donations at the back of church.