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 14th December 2024 – 22nd December 2024	Omega

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Saturday14 December	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Paddy Doran (Anniversary Remembrance)**
Sunday 15 December	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Lucy Chegwin (Anniversary Remembrance)
Tuesday 17 December	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Roy Boyle (Anniversary Remembrance)
Wednesday 18 December	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**9.30 am**	**People of the Parish**

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME – THE CHILDREN FROM ST ELIZABETH'S SCHOOL WILL BE JOINING US FOR MASS

Friday 20 December	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Chris Culligan (Birthday Remembrance)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

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)

CONFESSIONS

Confessions on Tuesday morning after mass at St Robert Bellarmine's,
Wednesday morning after mass at St Elizabeth's **OR,**
at any other time by appointment – please contact the Parish Office

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: Paddy Doran

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 3:10-18

1. 'What should we do?' The common thread in John's answers was to encourage his questioners to be other-centred rather than self-centred, each in the context of their own circumstances. In your experience what difference has it made for you when you changed your attitude in this way?

2. John told the people in a direct and honest way what they should do. Perhaps you have had friends who did not beat about the bush but have told you honestly what they thought about your behaviour when you asked them? In gratitude recall such friends.

3. The humility of John comes out in this passage, happy to acknowledge that he only had a minor role to play in relation to the Messiah. At the same time, he was enthused by his mission to 'proclaim the good news to the people'. What difference has it made for you when you were able to see the good in yourself, and use your gifts without having to score by portraying yourself as greater than someone else?

John Byrne OSA

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Our Christmas Mass times will be as follows:

St Elizabeth's
Christmas Eve 5.00 pm
Christmas Day 9.30 am

St Robert Bellarmine's
Christmas Eve 7.00 pm with Carols from 6.30pm
Christmas Day 11.00 am

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CALENDARS

Christmas Cards and Calendars are available to buy at the back of church.

CONFIRMATION 2025

Registration will open on 13 January and close on 17 March for those currently in Year 8.

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 7/8 DEC

St Elizabeth of Hungary £79.34

St Robert Bellarmine £337.04
CAFOD £2.00
Standing Orders – November £146.00

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

CAFOD CHRISTMAS FUN RUN

The CAFOD Christmas fun run is celebrating 40 years on **Friday 27 December**! It's a day not to be missed!

Run, walk or wheel 3k or 5k, or just come along to be part of the atmosphere and cheer on our runners! Dogs on leads are welcome and the route is pram friendly.

10.00 am registration for an 11.00 am run.
Wavertree Sports Centre, Wellington Road *L15 4LE*.

Visit www.cafod.org.uk/christmasfunrun

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets for the Christmas Raffle are on sale at the back of church

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.