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 7th December 2024 – 15th December 2024	Omega

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Saturday 7 December	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Patricia Bradley (Lately Dead)**
Sunday 8 December	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Norm Higdon (1st Anniversary Remembrance)
Tuesday10 December	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Patrick Gerald and Ignatius McNulty
Wednesday 11 December	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**9.00 am**	**People of the Parish**
Friday 13 December	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	The Lewis Family

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

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)

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: Norm Higdon, Lucy Chegwin, Eileen Callaghan, Robert Eric Shaw, Margaret Mary Shaw

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 3:1-6

1. The manner in which Luke identifies in detail the time when John the Baptist started his preaching shows that Luke regarded this as a historic moment. Perhaps you can recall particularly a significant moment in your life, an occasion when you felt called to a change of work, status or lifestyle?

2. John called people to give expression to their desire for a change of heart by a symbolic baptism in the Jordan. When have you found it helpful to symbolise your desire to change for the better by some symbolic gesture, e.g. sending a card, making a phone call, etc.

3. 'A voice crying in the wilderness' is sometimes taken to refer to a voice that is ignored. Pope Francis has issued a call to all of us to take part in the consultation process preparing for the recent Synod. What can you, and your faith community, do to make sure his call is answered?

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.

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

A Celebration of Christmas

On Saturday 14 December at 7.00 pm, the Cathedral will be hosting a festive celebration with the Cathedral Choir and special guests performing beloved Christmas carols and seasonal favourites.
Tickets are £10 each, or £18 for a family, and can be purchased here:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral/

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

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNODAL COUNCIL

Our Archdiocesan Synodal Council met recently to discuss the life of the archdiocese. Each deanery, including our own was represented at the Council and a Summary Report has been produced and is on the noticeboard at the back of church. Please ask if you would like a copy.

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.