



Parish of St Josephine Bakhita



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Living Love Together: The Most Holy Trinity

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It's one of the deepest mysteries of our Catholic faith: three Persons in one God. That might sound confusing, and that's okay! The Trinity isn't something we fully figure out—it's something we believe, experience, and try to live.

At the heart of the Trinity is love. The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father, and the Holy Spirit is the love that flows between them. God is not a distant being, but a living relationship. And since we are made in God's image, we are made for relationship too—for loving God and loving one another.

In our parish, we can live out the Trinity by growing in unity, community, and service. When we welcome others, support those in need, pray together, and share our gifts, we reflect the love of the Trinity. Every time we come together for Mass, a meeting, or a simple coffee after Mass, we have the chance to live as one body, many parts, united in love.

The world often encourages us to be self-focused or divided. But the Trinity shows us a better way: to be united in love, just as God is.

As we celebrate this beautiful feast, let us thank God for His love and ask for the grace to reflect that love in our parish life—so our community becomes a living image of the Holy Trinity.

Fr Mark

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JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE - 8-15 September 2025

Places are still available for the Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni & Assisi, Monday 8 September - Monday 15 September 2025. Fr Mark and the Pilgrimage Company have now finalised the last remaining details of the flights:

Monday 8 September

7:45 am depart Manchester on Ryanair

Monday 15 September

21:30 pm depart Rome on Ryanair

23:30 pm arrive Manchester



The final total cost of the trip is £1588. If anyone one is interested in booking, you need to take a booking form from the parish office, complete it and bring it back

PARISH NEWSLETTER!

This is your newsletter and we welcome any contributions that you may wish to have included in future weeks.

Any items for the newsletter need to be with either of the parish offices by Thursday morning.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with

Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

Lord in your mercy...

Guild of St Stephen Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Liverpool Archdiocesan Guild of St Stephen's Pilgrimage to Lourdes is currently accepting bookings. The pilgrimage will take place Sunday 26th October – Saturday 1st November 2025 and further information, including booking costs, is included on the attached flyer. For more information please contact Rose Curry on 07932 729896.

Walking the Synodal Path Together

The Synod on Synodality concluded last October echoing Pope Francis' words that synodality 'is the path that God expects from the Church of the third millennium.' The Final Synod Document lays out an expectation of how we walk this path at every level within the life of the Church.

The Final Synod Document can be accessed here:

https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/news/2024-10-26_final-document/ENG---Documento-finale.pdf

Bishop Nicholas Hudson, auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, has prepared a helpful guide to the document: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2025/03/Synod-Take-Outs-Final-Doc.pdf>

We have some experience of beginning to walk this synodal path in recent years in our archdiocese. We were able to respond very directly to one of the calls in the Final Document with the process of consultation that led to the appointment of our new archbishop, who we look forward to welcoming in just over a week. The outcome of that consultation was sent to the then Cardinal Robert Prevost, now Pope Leo XIV, who responded personally with thanks for the work that had been done. Pope Leo's first remarks on the balcony of St Peter's have already affirmed his own commitment to this continuing journey.

The School for Synodality is a project working across the dioceses of England and Wales, and further afield, to support the lived experience of synodality in the life of the Church. The Archdiocese has been working with the School in developing programmes and resources to support this work, see: <https://www.schoolforsynodality.org.uk/>

To help unpack the Final Synod Document the School has brought together several speakers who were all participants in the Synod on Synodality for a webinar series which started Wednesday (21st May). Over 6 weeks Dr Jos Moons SJ, Professor Anna Rowlands, Dr Estela Padilla, Professor Cathy Clifford, Fr David McCallum SJ, Sandra Chaoul and Archbishop Jason Gordon, Archbishop of Port of Spain, will take us through a section of the document with time for questions afterwards.

For more information and to register: <https://www.schoolforsynodality.org.uk/our-resources/final-document-book-club-2025>

We will be having a Parish meeting in the very near future to discuss how we move forward. In the meantime please access these documents and webinars which will hopefully give you some insight into how things will progress

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PARISH SUMMER EXCURSION - FRIDAY 11th JULY

We are super pleased to again have our 'annual' trip to the world famous International Musical Eisteddfod in the beautiful Welsh town of Llangollen on Friday 11th July. Fr Mark's favourite day of the year!



We will leave the parish and travel by coach to Llangollen and we can stroll around the maes (Welsh for field) with its hundreds of stalls, food and drinking places. Your ticket will guarantee you a reserved seat in the Pavilion to watch the competitions - one of the world's most unique festivals, celebrating music, dance, and international culture.

You can walk around the town and enjoy the many shops and beautiful scenery.

The day includes transport, entry to the Eisteddfod and a reserved seat in the Pavilion.

We finish off the day by enjoying a 3 course evening meal together in The Hand Hotel in Llangollen. The Hotel stands above a beautiful stretch of the river Dee close to the centre of the town with its stunning riverside garden.

Total cost for this lovely day out is £74

If you would like to join us please give your name to the office with a £10 deposit as soon as possible as numbers are restricted.



DAY FOR LIFE 2025

Sunday 15 June is this year's Day for Life and Archbishop John is encouraging everyone from across the archdiocese to participate. The theme for this year is 'Hope does not disappoint: Finding meaning in suffering.' An assisted suicide bill has recently been approved in the Isle of Man (the first place within the British Isles to do so) and the Terminally Ill Adults Bill is scheduled to return to parliament on 13 June. This Day for Life is more important than ever.

Our Archbishop is the lead Bishop on Life matters. You can watch a video of Archbishop John talking about the Day for Life: www.cbcew.org.uk/df125-interview

A prayer booklet has been created so you can pray on or around Day for Life: www.cbcew.org.uk/df125-bishops-message-and-prayer-booklet

A Day for Life collection will be taken at the end of Masses this weekend. Please give generously.

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Exam Season Prayer to St Joseph of Cupertino for success in examinations prayed before an examination.

O Great St Joseph of Cupertino
who while on earth did obtain from God
the grace to be asked at your
examination, only the questions you knew,
obtain for me a like favour in
the examinations for which I am now preparing.
In return, I promise to make you known
and cause you to be invoked.
Through Christ our Lord.

PILGRIM'S PASSPORT

As part of the Year of Jubilee, CBEW have selected Jubilee Churches where those making a pilgrimage can make a plenary indulgence. To encourage people to visit these Jubilee churches, a Pilgrim Passport has been created, containing a quick guide to each of the Jubilee Churches and a page to collect stamps from each church. A sample of the passport can be found at the back of church. If you would like your own copy, please contact the parish office, and they will print one for you.

YOUTH 2000 Summer Festival 2025

Taking place in the grounds of Ampleforth College from Friday 22nd - Monday 25th August, the Youth 2000 Summer Festival provides young adults (aged 16-35) from across the UK the opportunity to come together and explore faith, build relationships and find hope. This four-day festival includes great speakers, social time, break-out sessions, Daily Mass, 24/7 Adoration and much more! Register your place at: youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025.

FAMILY & SOCIAL GROUP STAYS AT CASTLERIGG THIS AUGUST

Castlerigg Manor is a Catholic residential youth centre in the Lake District and it's opening its doors to family groups and social groups this August. There are single rooms, twin rooms, and large family rooms at very cheap rates. Guests have access to the grounds, chapel, games room, and lounges, with Keswick and the Lake only a short walk away. For more info director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or www.castleriggmanor.com/open

RECRUITMENT FOR BOY & GIRL CHORISTERS 2025

Do you know a child who would like to be a chorister at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King here in Liverpool?

The search is now on for our next generation of Boy and Girl choristers.

All choristers are educated at

1. Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School (yr 3-6)
2. St Edward's College (yr 7-13)

meaning that a first-class Catholic chorister education for boys and girls in Liverpool is available at no cost.

If you know of a Catholic family who might be interested in this wonderful opportunity, please share this information with them. Full details of choristerships at the Metropolitan Cathedral, go to:

www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs



MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Are you planning to marry in a Catholic Church? Are you looking for some time out from busy wedding planning, providing you and your partner with an opportunity to focus on your relationship past the wedding day and to learn more about each other?

The Archdiocese of Liverpool is now offering a marriage preparation course for engaged couples. The course, led by trained lay facilitators, will involve four sessions, meeting in groups with other couples. These sessions will help couples develop the necessary skills to facilitate good communication within their relationship and an understanding of unconditional love set within a Catholic faith.

There is a fee of £50 per couple to help towards materials and other expenses.

Please book online here at: archdioceseofliverpool.org/MarriagePrepCourse For enquiries, please contact Moses Mui, Training Coordinator at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Fr Mark is looking for more Ministers of the Eucharist to take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound in their homes. This is an important part of our service to those who are unable to join us for Mass. If you are willing, please give your name to the Parish Office.



JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

This September, members of our parish community will undertake a very special journey in celebration of the Jubilee Year—a sacred pilgrimage to Italy, visiting some of the most important sites in our Catholic heritage. Fr Mark has now finalised the itinerary with our Travel Company.

We depart from Manchester on Monday, 8 September at 07:45, with Rome as our first destination. For three grace-filled nights, we will stay in the Eternal City, celebrating Mass at the heart of our faith—St Peter's Basilica—and, we hope, also at the Venerable English College, a place dear to the history of the Church in England. The highlight of our time in Rome will be processing together through the Holy Door of St Peter's, entering the Jubilee with open hearts and renewed hope. We will visit all four Major Basilicas—St Peter's, St John Lateran, St Mary Major, and St Paul Outside the Walls—drawing us ever deeper into the spirit of the Holy Year. We will also join pilgrims from around the world for Pope Leo's General Audience, a powerful witness to the universality of our faith.

Leaving Rome, we journey into the peaceful hills of Lazio to visit Subiaco, where St Benedict first embraced the monastic life in silence and solitude. From there, we continue to San Giovanni Rotondo, the home of St Pio (Padre Pio), where we will spend two nights learning from his example of suffering, holiness, and deep devotion to the Eucharist.

Our next stop is Assisi, where we will spend two nights walking in the footsteps of St Francis and St Clare, embracing their message of simplicity, peace, and trust in God's providence. On the way, we will make a special visit to Lancia, the site of a profound Eucharistic Miracle, reminding us of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Finally, we return to Rome on Monday, 15 September, filled with memories and blessings, arriving back in Manchester later that afternoon.

Please keep all our pilgrims in your prayers as we prepare for this journey of faith, encounter, and renewal during this Holy Year of Hope

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Fr Mark is keen to resume Children's Liturgy at St Robert Bellarmine, but we need volunteers to help with this. Please give your name to the Parish Office and Fr Mark will arrange a meeting. Hopefully, we can start this important ministry in September.



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FEAST OF THE WEEK

St John Rigby (1570-1600)

St. John Rigby was a young layman who lived during the tumultuous time of the English Reformation, when practicing the Catholic faith was considered a crime. Born into a recusant family around 1570, he managed to live quietly as a servant in a noble household. His moment of witness came not through preaching or public protest, but when he delivered a message to a prisoner—an imprisoned Catholic—and openly admitted his own Catholic faith in the process. For this simple act of honesty and fidelity, he was arrested, interrogated, and ultimately condemned to death



John Rigby did not seek martyrdom, but when it came, he embraced it with serenity and forgiveness. He was only about thirty years old when he was executed at Tyburn in 1600. His death is a powerful reminder that sainthood can be found in ordinary people living quiet lives of conviction. St. John Rigby calls us to be brave, faithful, and true in the small moments that reveal our deepest commitments. In a world that often values compromise over truth, his witness encourages us to stand firm in our beliefs, no matter the cost. May we, like him, be faithful in both word and deed

His feast day is celebrated next Saturday. St. John Rigby, pray for us

FAMILY PICNIC

All families are welcome to attend this Family Picnic as part of the confirmation preparation process on Saturday 28 June, 11am-3pm at St Anne Church, Prescott Rd, Ormskirk, L39 4TG. We especially wish to invite those families with children who are being baptised, making their holy communions or confirmations. Families are encouraged to bring their own food. There will be games for younger children, children's liturgy for older children and Animate Youth activities for teenagers.

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

June Catholic Pic is now available free of charge. Main article has some wonderful pictures of Archbishop John's Mass of Installation



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MASS AT QUEEN OF PEACE

Our brothers and sisters of the Catholic Syro-Malabar parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Kirkstone Road West, have invited Fr Mark to celebrate Mass in the church to which you are all invited. Thursday 10 July at 10:00 am, followed by refreshments in the parish hall. This is part of their annual celebrations for the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, the founder of the Syro-Malabar Church in India.

PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

A collection will be taken after Mass next weekend for the Priest's Training Fund. Please give generously to support the funding of our future priests

'SONGS WE REMEMBER' SING-A-LONG

2pm, 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month (Dementia friendly). Email: irenaeus.co.uk Tel: 0151 949 1199. 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, Liverpool



WeBELIEVE FESTIVAL

Celebrate the Jubilee at WeBelieve, a festival of Catholic Life gathering the Church to share the hope that we have in Christ. From 25-28 July, join us for four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. Early bird tickets available now at www.webelievefestival.com

LATE SPRING RAFFLE

Thank you for supporting St Robert's 'late spring' raffle in aid of Parish funds.

The results are displayed in the church porch and prizes can be collected before or after Mass.



ONE HEART CONCERT

The Metropolitan Cathedral

Thursday 19th June 2025, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Join us for an uplifting evening of music and solidarity at the One Heart Concert, featuring powerful performances from the Asylum Link Choir and the Choir with No Name, supported by students from St Edward's College and other Edmund Rice schools.

The evening will be hosted by Frank Cottrell-Boyce, current Children's Laureate and best-selling author.

PARISH NEWSLETTER & GDPR

THE GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR), which came into effect on May 2018, has imposed some new ways of administration and management of information in different institutions and/or organisations. The Church is not an exception. As a result of this development, there have been some noticeable changes in the administration of our parish, especially when publishing names of the sick, deceased etc in parish newsletters.

It has always been best practice to obtain consent before putting someone's name on a sick list, as some people, for a whole variety of reasons do not want their name published. Changes in data protection law mean that it is now necessary.

1 Do I need the consent of the person before their name can be published in the Newsletter? Yes, if a 'sick' list is put up at church or published in the parish newsletter (whether or not that newsletter is posted on the parish website).

Why? Because a name on a sick list is special category personal data (because it reveals information about the person's health) and can only be disclosed outside the church with the consent of the sick person. Once a name is on a newsletter the church has no control over where that information may end up.

2 Do I need permission before I can add their name to a published list?

If a person is well enough to do so easily, you can ask them to sign a simple form. If you do not think it appropriate to ask the sick person to sign a form, then you can ask them whether they want their name to be on the sick list. You should tell that person what happens to the sick list in your parish, ie whether it goes on the church wall/ newsletter/website. You should then make a note of the conversation as evidence of the fact that you obtained oral consent. Why? Because everyone has a right to know what the parish will do with their information.

We are pleased to restart a sick list, etc, in the weekly Newsletter, but permission MUST be obtained from the person or next of kin whose name you wish to submit. To do this, please take a form from the back of the church or the parish office, complete it, and return it. The published list will remain in the Newsletter for six months before it is removed.

ENGLISH MARTYRS JOSPACE "200 CLUB" JUNE DRAW

1st Prize £20	No. 104	P Garrigan
2nd Prize £15	No. 29	C McDonagh
3rd Prize £10	No. 61	K Garrigle
4th Prize £10	No. 88	B Crosbie



Spare numbers are available for anyone wishing to join, £1 per month. Contact Myra on 928 1136

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PARISH STRATEGY PLAN

We are looking for a couple of people to join the small group to complete the survey for the Parish Strategy Plan, being conducted in every parish in Sefton over the next few months. The work is not difficult, but a couple of people would be appreciated. Please have a word with Fr Mark.

PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE PRAYER FOR POPE LEO XIV

Faithful God

You guide us on the path of life and your goodness is our constant companion

Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV, in his service of the Church

Fill him with the power of your Spirit, the peace of your presence and the compassion of Christ.

May he walk with you, in wisdom and humility,
and lead us, together with all God's people
to embody your love for the world

Amen



JOIN US AT THE ART SCHOOL FOR A SUMMER SOIREE...

We are delighted to be able to collaborate with Chef Paul Askew, one of the UK's most pioneering figures in hospitality, and his team once again, and we have arranged with them to provide a three course meal with a glass of prosecco on arrival and an amuse bouche for just £50.00 per person. Chef Askew has a firm reputation as a pioneer of excellent modern British cuisine and this is a dining experience not to be missed! The date you need to keep in your diary is Thursday 26 June 2025 from 7pm onwards. Dinner will be served in The Lantern Room. We hope that you will book some tickets and come and enjoy a convivial evening in surroundings that are timeless and yet modern enjoying the company of new friends and old ones, whilst raising money for the Cathedral. To book your ticket and to arrange payment please contact Claire Hanlon at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

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Solemnity of Most Holy Trinity

15 June 2025

Masses & Services for the Coming Week

DATE	English Martyrs	St Robert Bellarmine
Sunday 15th June Sanctuary Lamp	9.30am People of the Parish For healing (AL)	11.00am Ken Williams Joe Morley
Monday 16th June	10.00am Funeral Mass Mary Carol Wynne	
Tuesday 17th June		10.00am Joe Morley
Wednesday 18th June	NO MASS	NO MASS
Thursday 19th June	10.00am Tom & Elsie Smartt	
Friday 20th June		10.00am Tom O'Brien
Saturday 21st June	NO MASS	NO MASS
Sunday 22nd June	9.30am Jane Wood	11.00am Tom and Anne Kelly

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