



Parish of St Josephine Bakhita



ENGLISH MARTYRS



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WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Nine out of ten people who use the word 'eucharist' think of an object. They think of the eucharist as a thing, bread or wine that is transformed into the body and blood of Christ. But strictly speaking eucharist is not a thing, it's an action. It's the action of giving thanks. In fact, the word for 'thank you' that is heard thousands of times every day in modern Greece is 'evaristo', the same word as eucharist.

Each time Christians celebrate eucharist they thank God for all that God has done in the past and continues to do for us today. The Eucharistic Prayer is one long prayer of praise and thanksgiving for the fact that God made us, redeemed us through Christ and continues to support us today in the Holy Spirit until Christ comes again at the end of time. In our worship we 'eucharist' God.

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus et Sanguis Christi) is a reminder to us that Christ has left us a memorial of his Passion and death and that by our action of eucharist we make really present the grace and power of God on our altars.

At every eucharist bread and wine is brought up in procession and laid on the altar. Our prayer to God is that the Holy Spirit may transform these humble elements so that they may become for us the body and blood of Christ.

If we are really celebrating eucharist then we need to offer ourselves and our lives in sacrifice to God along with the bread and wine. We need to bring all our hopes and joys, our dreams and reservations, our plans and worries so that they too may be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. The eucharist is the heart of our Christian faith. It is the central act of our community, the source of all our strength and the summit to which all our activity as Church is directed.

Corpus Christi invites us to stand before our God and celebrate eucharist: to say thank you!

Fr Mark

This week, how will I share the abundance I know in the body of Christ with those in need?

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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 STILL A FEW PLACES LEFT!

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.



WELCOME BACK FR BARRY!

This weekend we welcome back Fr Barry Matthews who is helping us with masses while Fr Mark is away on business. It is a little while since he has been with us but it is always lovely to see him. Give him a warm 'hello'



ST MARY'S COLLEGE CROSBY Have their taster day and open evening coming up.

To register for Year 5 Taster Day on Wednesday 25th June, 10am – 3pm or Open Evening on Wednesday 2nd July, 4pm – 7pm go to www.stmarys.ac and visit the admissions events page

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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

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Looking for something to do this weekend?
Why not pop along to St Joseph's Hospice in
Thornton to join them for their retro themed
Summer Garden party?
A day of timeless family fun filled with nostalgia
in the beautiful grounds of St Joseph's Hospice.

Sunday 22nd June 12-4pm

And if you are feeling a bit more adventurous they have a 'Liverpool Cathedral Abseiling' fundraiser on 5 July 2025! If you're brave enough to descend 150ft from above the great west door of Liverpool Cathedral, while raising money for St Joseph's Hospice, then sign up now as places are limited.
Cost: £50 non-refundable deposit to register, which will form part of your fundraising total. £195 minimum sponsorship
Registration can only be completed by persons aged 16yrs or above. Participants aged 16/17yrs must be accompanied by a responsible adult aged 18yrs+

MISSIO RED BOX APPEAL

Thank you to those people at English Martyrs who took a red box when we had the appeal a few weeks ago. Mary Maloney is our representative and she has asked that the boxes be returned to the Parish Office when full. She will then count the contents and pass back to you. Please complete your name and address on the bottom of the box before handing in to office



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.



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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 Lanciano, 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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WHAT'S ON AT IRENAEUS?

THE ADVENTURE WITH THE SPIRIT

Wednesday 2 July 2025 7:00PM - 8:30PM



Throughout July, The Irenaeus Project will be hosting a series of Summer Scripture Evenings called The Adventure with the Spirit. You can either attend in person, or get a Zoom link from jenny@irenaeus.co.uk.

COME AND SEE DAY: Saturday July 5

10:30AM - 4:00PM

The next Come and See Day is called The Wonder of our Call. The keynote speaker will be The Rev Canon Dr Ellen Loudon, who leads the Justice and Mercy work of Liverpool Anglican Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. You are asked to bring a packed lunch and a suggested donation is £10. For more information, email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or phone 0151 949 1199.

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 this 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.webeliefefestival.com

TIME OUT ON TUESDAYS

8 July 2025 10:00AM - 4:00PM

In the midst of their busy lives, Jesus invited the disciples to "Come apart and rest for a while." Why not take time to respond to this invitation and join The Sisters of Our Lady of the Cenacle for a time of prayer and quiet. No need to book, just come along and maybe bring a friend. For further information, contact Sr Winnie Morley on 0151 722 2271

ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL

Have their Summer Fayre next Friday 27th June starting at 3.15pm. Pop along and have a look at the stalls or a bounce on the bouncy castle!



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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.

Sisters of Our Lady of the Cenacle, Liverpool

28 June 2025 10:00AM - 4:00PM

Quiet Days at the Cenacle

We all need time to stop, ponder, be still, be find it hard to have the time. Why not come for a few hours, with like minded people, and just stop and be away from the daily round of life? Bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided, suggested offering £10 No need to book, just come along and maybe bring a friend. For further information contact Sr Winnie, Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane, L15 6TW tel 0151 722 2271

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



THANK YOU

Ann Jones would like to thank all friends at St Robert's for the beautiful flowers she received the other weekend, It was a beautiful surprise and the sanctuary lamp will be lit in the future for your intentions.

**THANK
YOU**

RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a collection at the end of Mass next week for 'Peter's Pence' which is our support for our new wonderful Pope Leo. Please give generously.

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Masses and Services for the coming week

DATE	English Martyrs	St Robert Bellarmine
Sunday 22nd June Sanctuary Lamp	9.30am Jane Wood Callie	11.00am Tom and Anne Kelly Margaret, Gerard and Albert Price
Monday 23rd June	10.00am Maura	10.30am Funeral service Joseph Johnson
Tuesday 24th June		10.00am Nora Houlton
Wednesday 25th June	NO MASS	1.00pm Funeral service Joseph McDonald
Thursday 26th June	10.00am Lesley Clarke	
Friday 27th June		10.00am Maureen Ryan
Saturday 28th June	NO MASS	NO MASS
Sunday 29th June	9.30am Jacqueline & Anne Marie Morley	11.00am People of the Parish

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