



Parish of St Josephine Bakhita



ENGLISH MARTYRS



PARISH PRIEST

Very Rev Canon
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This Sunday, Jesus reminds us that we are not meant to stand still — we are sent. He tells His disciples to go out in pairs, with no extra provisions, just hearts full of peace and trust in God. As we reflect on this week's news — stories of war, displacement, and unrest — it's easy to feel small or unsure of how to help. But Jesus reminds us: the harvest is great, and there is work for each of us to do.



Our parish visit to the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod this week is a beautiful sign of that mission. In a world so often marked by division, this festival celebrates what unites us — the universal language of music, shared joy, and the beauty of different cultures coming together in peace. By simply being present, listening, applauding, and engaging, we participate in something deeply Gospel-shaped: a community gathered in harmony, across borders and beliefs.

Jesus sends us into the world not to fix everything, but to carry His peace — into every conversation, every gathering, every place where hope can take root. The Eisteddfod reminds us that even joyful events can be moments of mission.

This week, let's be aware of the little ways we can labour in the Lord's harvest: a kind word, a listening ear, a helping hand, or a shared smile. These are the seeds of the Kingdom. And when we act together, as Jesus intended, even the smallest action can carry great meaning.

The harvest is still abundant. Let's be joyful labourers.

Fr Mark

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

13.55 Arrive Rome



Monday 15 September

14:20 pm depart Rome on Ryanair

16:10 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

PLEASE OFFER YOUR PRAYERS FOR THOSE PARISHIONERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ILL



Ann Hore

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY



For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Lord in your mercy...

WEEKDAY MASS

With various events taking place this week, Masses during the week will be affected.

Monday English Martyrs school will join us for the Yr6 Leavers Mass.

Thursday Mass will be in Our Lady Queen of Peace Syro-Malabar Church at 10am.
Funeral Mass for Patrick Coughlin, 1.00pm at St Robert Bellarmine.

Friday Mass will be at 9.00am at English Martyrs

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. The children from Queen of Peace school will also join us.

The deep desire of the Syro-Malabar faithful in and around Liverpool to have a church of their own - where they could worship the Lord in the East Syriac tradition handed down from St Thomas the Apostle - dates back to the early 2000s, when the first members of the community began arriving in the Liverpool area. This dream gained momentum with the appointment of Fr Jino Arikkatt as their chaplain when he celebrated the first Holy Qurbana (Mass) in Liverpool in 2015.

This vision could not have been realised without the remarkable generosity of Archbishop Malcolm and the Archdiocese. He suggested the possible use of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church and approached Fr Mark with the suggestion.

The dream became a reality on the 12th May 2018 when the Syro-Malabar Catholic Parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace was officially established. The inauguration of the new parish took place in the presence of Archbishop Malcolm, Bishop Joseph Srampickal (Syro-Malabar Bishop in the UK), Bishop Tom Williams, Canon Mark Madden and many priests.

This joyous occasion was not only a historic milestone for the parish community, but also of international significance as this was the first parish for the Syro-Malabar Church anywhere on the European continent.

PARISH READERS

We need a few more Parish Readers, willing to read at St Robert Bellarmine. If you would like to volunteer, please give your name to the Parish Office.



CATHOLIC PICTORIAL

July Catholic Pic is now available with main feature covering the recent Liverpool Pentecost Walk

PARISH SUMMER EXCURSION - FRIDAY 11th JULY HURRY - STILL A FEW PLACES LEFT!

Mass on Friday will be at 9am at English Martyrs. Those who are joining us on the day trip will then board the coach for the Eisteddfod at Llangollen



If anyone would like to join us there are still a couple of places available. Speak to Bernie in Parish Office

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.

FEAST OF THE WEEK

St Benedict (480-547)

Benedict was born in Nursia, in Umbria, and studied in Rome; but he was unable to stomach the dissolute life of the city, and he became a solitary hermit at Subiaco. His reputation spread, and some monks asked him to be their abbot; but they did not like the discipline he imposed and tried to poison him.



He organised various small communities of monks and nuns in various places, including the great monastery of Monte Cassino. He drew up a set of rules to guide the communal life of monasteries. Although this was not the first monastic rule ever, the Rule of St Benedict has proved so wise and balanced that it has served as the foundation of practically every attempt at communal living ever since – and not only in religious communities. The Rule of St Benedict recognises that people aim at perfection but often fall well short of it, and aims to be a “rule for beginners” in which even the least perfect and least able can grow in spiritual stature.

For those of us in the world, too, the Rule of St Benedict has much to say: it drags our eyes up to the stars but keeps our feet firmly on the ground; it calls us to perfection but keeps us sane.

St Benedict, pray for us.

What can I do this week to help Jesus and His work?

SANCTUARY LAMP

We are running a bit low on dedications for the Sanctuary Lamp at both churches. If you would like to sponsor the lamp for a week please just write the dedication on a piece of paper and pass to the relevant Parish Office with £5 offering. Thank You.



ENGLISH MARTYRS FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP

The discussion group will re-start their meetings this Monday 7th July at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

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

UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY

The Ukrainian Rite Mass is held in Saint Sebastian's Church every Saturday evening at 5.30pm. All are welcome. If you would like to offer help or support to the Ukrainian Community, please contact Fr Taras on 07784 634 136 or email: liverpool@ucc-gb.com

LOURDES MASS

Traditionally, our pilgrimage family gathers for a Departure Mass a few weeks before we travel. This year, we'd like to reimagine that celebration as a Diocesan Lourdes Mass, open to all. During this special liturgy, lanterns currently journeying around our deaneries—accompanied by opportunities for parishioners to write petitions—will be presented. These petitions will be taken to Lourdes on behalf of our diocesan family. The Mass will take place on Sunday 13 July at 5.00pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral.

The Lourdes lantern will be at English Martyrs from today and will then go to St Robert Bellarmine next Sunday. If you wish to write an intention, please do so and place it inside the lantern which will then be taken to Lourdes in a few weeks.

HAVE YOU TRAVELLED THE CAMINO de SANTIAGO?

The Communications Team at St Margaret Clitherow Centre would love to hear about it!. If you have a story to share on the feast day of St James then please email: communications@rcaol.org.uk

The Adventure with the Spirit Wednesday 9th and 16th July 7:00PM - 8:30PM

The Irenaeus Project continue their 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.

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



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.



BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI

The Parish of St Anne and Blessed Dominic, Sutton St Helens, invites clergy and parishioners to two special pilgrimage Masses at the Shrine of Blessed Dominic Barberi—designated as one of the Jubilee Churches of our Archdiocese.

Blessed Dominic Barberi Pilgrimage Mass

Monday, 25 August at 12 noon

Principal Celebrant: Fr Giuseppe Adobati Carrara, Superior General of the Passionist Order

Venerable Elizabeth Prout Pilgrimage Mass

Saturday, 13 September at 12 noon

Principal Celebrant: Bishop Mark Davies of Shrewsbury

All are warmly invited to attend these significant occasions of prayer and pilgrimage.

On Tuesday 15 July, St Swithin's, Gillmoss (now merged with Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs, Croxteth) will celebrate its 600th anniversary since the first Mass on the site. To mark the occasion, a Mass will be held on the site of the old church (next to Swithin's Cemetery). Bishop Tom Neylon will preside.

Mass is at 6:30pm followed by refreshments in Queen of Martyrs Parish Centre. All welcome.

LIGHT OF TRUTH: CHILDREN'S LITURGY TRAINING, Saturday 6 September, 9.00 to 12.00.



Online morning workshop for everyone involved in Children's Liturgy, looking at the principles and practical tools we can use to help children participate in the Liturgy of the Word at Mass.
<https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/childrens-liturgy-training>

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.



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.



SUMMER SERENADE 3:00PM TODAY SUNDAY 6TH JULY

The choirs of the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King and Liverpool Cathedral will be performing Mass in G Minor by Vaughan Williams as a Summer Serenade with organ music by Howells, Vaughan Williams and Farrington. Richard Lea will be on the organ and Christopher McElroy is the conductor.

All are welcome to attend. Admission is free with a retiring collection.



'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

LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP: Praying with Centering Prayer 6:30PM- 8:00PM

The next Archdiocesan Young Adult Group meeting will take place at the Pauline Book Centre on Tuesday 8 July. We will start at 18.30pm and refreshments will be provided. Anyone aged 18-35 is welcome to attend. The theme is Praying with Centering Prayer. For more information, please contact Moses at: m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

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

YEW TREE CEMETERY MASS

Join us for the annual Yew Tree Cemetery Mass, Sunday 13 July, 3pm, offered for those who are buried in the cemetery. This is an open-air Mass, so please be ready for any weather. You're very welcome to bring a chair if you wish to sit down. Yew Tree is one of the three Diocesan cemeteries.

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.

LIGHT OF TRUTH: ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS (ONLINE WORKSHOP), Saturday 6 December, 9.00 to 12.00

Join the Dominican Sisters on Saturdays, from 9.00 to 12.00 noon for a short course of 3 sessions, to discover the essential nature and principles of catechesis, the sources of catechesis, and the best ways to prepare and deliver our catechesis. This course is open to everyone involved or interested in any kind of catechesis for adults, young people or children. This course is free, and the Dominican Sisters gratefully accept any donation you may be able to contribute.

<https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/essential-training-for-catechists-2025-12-06-09-00>

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

LIVERPOOL METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL

Last week, the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King in Liverpool was officially upgraded from Grade II* to Grade I listed status by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, following Historic England's recommendation.



Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool

This distinction—reserved for buildings of “exceptional architectural and historic interest”—recognises Sir Frederick Gibberd's groundbreaking 1960s circular, modernist design, built atop Sir Edwin Lutyens' unfinished crypt. Once divisive, its conical concrete form and central lantern are now praised as a “revolution in cathedral design.”

Archbishop John, City and Religious Leaders celebrated the move, declaring it a major cultural landmark that enriches Liverpool's skyline and spiritual life.

Both Cathedrals in Liverpool now have this unique status.

Masses and Services for the coming week

| DATE | English Martyrs | St Robert Bellarmine |
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| Sunday 6th July Sanctuary Lamp | 9.30am People of the Parish Thanksgiving (NL) | 11.00am Tommy Kelly Pam McHugh |
| Monday 7th July | 10.00am Gerald McGreavey | |
| Tuesday 8th July | | 10.00am Thomas O'Shea |
| Wednesday 9th July | NO MASS | NO MASS |
| Thursday 10th July | 10.00am Feast of St Thomas Celebration in Our Lady Queen of Peace | 1.00pm Funeral Mass Patrick Coughlin |
| Friday 11th July | 9.00am John Murphy | NO MASS |
| Saturday 12th July | NO MASS | NO MASS |
| Sunday 13th July | 9.30am Edward Taylor | 11.00am People of the Parish |

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