



Parish of St Josephine Bakhita



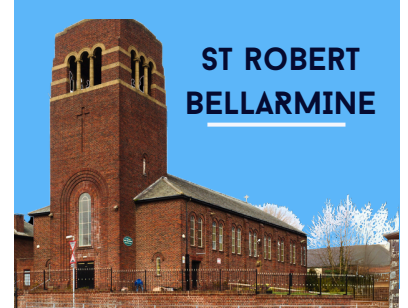
ENGLISH MARTYRS



PARISH PRIEST

Very Rev Canon
Mark B Madden
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ST ROBERT BELLARMINE



Today's parable about storing large amounts of grain for the future recalls the story of Joseph and the pharaoh in ancient Egypt. Where Joseph is praised for his wisdom to store up grain for the seven lean years to come, today's rich man is criticised for what sounds like the same thing. How come?



The fundamental difference is in the purpose of these people's actions. Joseph, interpreting Pharaoh's dream, advised the entire country to store grain during years of plenty so that people all over the country, and indeed the wider region, from the wealthy to the penniless, would not starve during the years of famine.

The greedy rich man, however, only stored his harvest so that he himself could live off of it for years, so he could do nothing but 'take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time'. Joseph saved hundreds of thousands of people with the stored grain across the country. The rich fool only wanted to save himself. And he failed.

We try to control our life in every way. We take care of our bodies to ensure our good health. We take care of our possessions to enjoy our success. We take care of our assets so that we can afford a house, or our children's education, or our retirement. We tend to labour under the illusion that we can control our future. Financial success reinforces that illusion. What we hoard can be lost in a heartbeat. What we give away will go on.

In a consumer-oriented society such as ours, the lesson from today's readings is countercultural. We are challenged to reject the idea that money brings happiness or at least makes it easier to achieve. We are encouraged to build wealth instead in what matters to God. As Paul says, 'look for the things that are in heaven'

Fr Mark

Where do I find my wealth? How do I regard and handle my material wealth?

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

9:45 am depart Manchester on Ryanair

13.55 Arrive Rome

Monday 15 September

13:50 pm depart Rome on Ryanair

15:40 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
Joseph Mulhaney
Michael Lundon
Margaret Spencer

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST



For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons

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.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Please note that weekday masses until Tuesday 2nd September will be at 10.30am.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

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



The Liverpool Archdiocese is now offering a marriage preparation course for engaged couples. The course will involve four sessions, meeting in group with other couples. To be led by trained lay facilitators, the course will help the couples develop skills which could facilitate good communication within their relationship and an understanding of unconditional love set within a Catholic faith. The course will be starting on 29 September - 20 October. The venue is St Helen's Church, Crosby and sessions are at 6.30pm

There is a fee of £50 per couple to help towards materials and other expenses. Please book online here at [Marriage Preparation Course Link](#). For enquiries, please contact Moses Mui, Training Coordinator at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

CATHOLIC PIC

The August edition is now available free of charge. This month includes a profile of Fr Jino Arikkatt who we remember fondly from when the Syro-Malabar community moved in to Our Lady Queen of Peace church in 2018.



Fr Jino is now back in the Archdiocese as parochial administrator to Holy Cross and St Helen Parish in St Helens. We send him every good wish for his new appointment

FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP

The faith discussion group will meet in English Martyrs Parish Hall this Monday (4th) when we will continue our discussions on the theme of 'Hope'.

SAVE THE DATE - ADOREMUS

Mark your calendars - this year's Adoremus will take place on Saturday 8 November. The theme this year is Ministry, and the timetable of workshops will be released in due course.

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.



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT, Friday 12th September 10.00-15.00

Explore ways that we can support people in a time of grief, Consider the stages of grief and what might help people. at The Irenaeus Centre, Great Georges Rd. Waterloo L22 1RD. Book a place with Jenny Tel: 0151 949 1199 or jenny@irenaeus.co.uk. Donation £10. Bring a Packed Lunch

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

DAY FOR CATECHISTS – FORMATION & REFLECTION

Are you a catechist looking for spiritual refreshment? No matter what kind of ministry you are serving, there is a good opportunity for you to refresh your vocation of being a catechist.

On 27 September, the Day for Catechists will be organised from 10.00–16.00 at Carmelite Monastery L18 3NU. With the facilitation of Sr Carino and Sr Hyacinthe from the Dominican Sister of St Joseph, there will be spiritual input and practical discussion on the mission of catechesis. If you're interested or for more information, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

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.



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

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.

PILGRIMAGE WALK ST MARY'S SHRINE, ORMSKIRK

We are having a Pilgrimage Walk on Saturday 20th September 2025, 11am start with Mass at 1.30pm, St Mary's Shrine Church, Prescott Road, Ormskirk, L39 6TA.



Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool

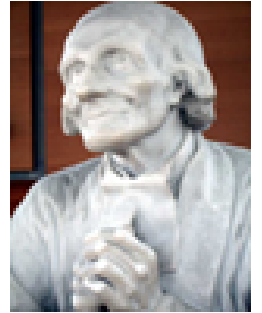
This Season of Creation, join us for a pilgrimage walk!

Starting at 11am 3.5 mile circular route 3 prayer stops on the route Mass at 1.30pm
For more information contact Chris Higgins: c.higgins@rcaol.org.uk

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FEAST OF THE WEEK

St Jean Baptise Marie Vianney, Cure of Ars (1786-1859)



He was the son of a peasant farmer, and a slow and unpromising candidate for the priesthood: he was eventually ordained on account of his devoutness rather than any achievement or promise.

In 1818 he was sent to be the parish priest of Ars-en-Dombes, an isolated village some distance from Lyon, and remained there for the rest of his life because his parishioners would not let him leave. He was a noted preacher, and a celebrated confessor: such was his fame, and his reputation for insight into his penitents' souls and their futures, that he had to spend up to eighteen hours a day in the confessional, so great was the demand. The tens of thousands of people who came to visit this obscure parish priest turned Ars into a place of pilgrimage.

"The Curé refused to sit for a portrait. When the sculptor Cabuchet surreptitiously tried to capture his features in a ball of wax during the catechism, Vianney sternly bounced him out of the church." (The Curé d'Ars Today, by G.W. Rutler, 1988).

The French State recognised his eminence by awarding him the medal of the Légion d'Honneur in 1848, and he sold it and gave the money to the poor.

BRING AND BUY EVENT 23rd AUGUST 12:30PM

Everyone is invited to come along to a Bring and Buy at St Helen's Parish Hall, Alexandra Rd, Crosby, including stalls, sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee and a Hamper Raffle! All proceeds will go towards Fr Simon Cadwallader's parish in Peru, where he has been serving as a Missionary. He is visiting St Helen's parish from 12 August

SUPPORT FOR THE DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

The Restored Lives course is run over six weeks, one evening per week. The talks cover the key issues to help you to move on and highlight the practical steps and tools to enable you to tackle the issues that arise from separation and divorce.

For more information contact Maureen 07967753471 or Jacqui Sellek 0793825815

LIVERPOOL METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL

Join us each Sunday throughout August at 2pm for 'Summer Sunday Organ Recitals' The first is this Sunday (3rd) when we will listen to George Fletcher Warren . Entrance is free with a retiring collection.



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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.



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.

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>

JOHN MORRISON-WELLS

We were saddened to learn of the death of John Morrison-Wells during the week, following a recent illness.

John was the organist at St Robert Bellarmine's for many years and led our choir. Please pray for him and all members of his family at this sad time.

May He Rest In Peace

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.



COMING UP AT IRENAEUS - contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or 0151 949 1199

AGAPE MASS

7pm 7th August & 4th September '25

SCRIPTURE MORNINGS

10:30 - 12 noon 24th September, 1st & 8th October,

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

10:30 - 12noon Thursday 25th September '25



DAY OF RENEWAL

10am - 4pm 11th October '25

WOMEN AT THE WELL A WOMEN'S WEEKEND

Friday 17th - Sunday 19th October '25

PILGRIMAGE MASS- HOLY HAND of ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH

The annual Pilgrimage Mass to the Holy Hand of St Edmund Arrowsmith will be taking place at the Church of St Oswald & St Edmund Arrowsmith, Liverpool Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield (WN4 9NP) on Sunday 24 August 2025 at 3.00pm.

Canon Sean Riley will be the principal celebrant. The Mass will be followed by a blessing with the Holy Hand.

A pilgrim walk will take place beforehand at 12 noon and refreshments will be served after the Mass.

LECTIO FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Every Friday at 6pm at St Vincent de Paul's Church, L1 5JN, there is a "lectio" prayer group for young adults. There will be a Mass at 6pm, followed by a short time of sharing the Sunday readings at 6.30pm. It's a friendly group and sometimes they also organise trips and retreats. If you want more information please contact James: djmoroney@cantab.net or 07394 503 911

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>

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK & WESTPORT – Jubilee Year 2025

A special Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Knock & Co. Mayo is taking place from Sunday 31st August to Thursday 4 September 2025.

Organised by Patricia Ronane, this pilgrimage offers opportunities for daily Mass, visits to holy sites, and time for rest and reflection, all set in the scenic surroundings of Westport. This Jubilee Year pilgrimage offers pilgrims the unique chance to receive a plenary indulgence at Knock Shrine. The trip includes:

- Return flights from Liverpool to Knock
- 4 nights at the 4★ Castlecourt Hotel in Westport
- Daily breakfast and 4-course evening meals
- Visits to Knock Shrine, Croagh Patrick, Kylemore Abbey, and more
- Evening entertainment and optional spa time
- Fully escorted with guided tours

Price: £799 per person sharing (Single Supplement: £150 – limited availability) For full details contact Patricia Ronane 01268 762 278 or 07740 175 557
knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

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SKM SPONSORED WALK IN CROSBY

ILLUMINATE!

FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2025

Start & Finish at Merchant Taylors' School
Events village open 6.30pm - Walk starts 8pm

Events village will have **LIVE MUSIC** **FACE PAINTING** **FUN WARM UP**

Registration - £20 for adults, £10 for children which includes t-shirt, medal and goody bag.

Help us light up Crosby for St Joseph's Hospice!
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Jospice
for their
sponsored
walk
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www.stjhospice.org.uk

Masses and Services for the coming week

DATE	English Martyrs	St Robert Bellarmine
Sunday 3rd August Sanctuary Lamp	9.30am Michael McDermott Alan & Kes Bretherton	11.00am Geraldine Davies Rita Smith
Monday 4th August	10.30am Michael Cain	
Tuesday 5th August		10.30am John Joseph (Jack) Murphy
Wednesday 6th August	NO MASS	NO MASS
Thursday 7th August	10.30am Tom Deegan	
Friday 8th August		10.30am Doreen Hughes
Saturday 9th August	NO MASS	NO MASS
Sunday 10th August	9.30am John Vondy	11.00am Anne Taylor

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