



Parish of St Josephine Bakhita



ENGLISH MARTYRS



PARISH PRIEST

Very Rev Canon
Mark B Madden
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ST ROBERT BELLARMINE



“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”

Spiders, heights, public speaking - fear is part of being human. Our bodies are intrinsically designed to detect and react to threats, dangers, and risks. Sometimes fear can keep us safe, but we know too that fear can paralyse us, steal our peace and promote division.

Our gospel passage opens with Jesus reminding us that we are called not to fear but to faith: "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

In the Father’s flock, led by Jesus, the Good Shepherd, we can keep our lamps burning to dispel the darkness as we wait for the Lord’s return with attentive trust. As Pope Leo XIV put it, in his very first speech as Pontiff, from the balcony of St Peter's Basilic

“God loves us, all of us, evil will not prevail. We are all in the hands of God. Without fear, united, hand in hand with God and among ourselves, we will go forward. We are disciples of Christ, Christ goes before us, and the world needs his light.”



May we put aside fear so Christ may find us alert, awake, and actively engaged in the work of the Kingdom, storing up the true treasure that will last.

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



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...



PARISH OFFICE

English Martyrs Parish Office will be closed next week. Open again on Monday 18th August

This newsletter includes mass intentions for the next two weeks. The next newsletter will be Sunday 24th August

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

FRIDAY 15th AUGUST is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses on that day are:

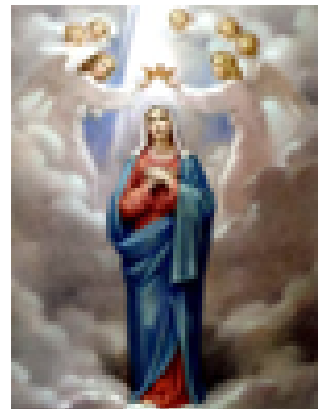
St Robert Bellarmine's 10.30am

English Martyrs 12.00 noon

Catholics worldwide meditate on the Assumption of Mary when praying the glorious mysteries of the Rosary, and on its feast day, August 15th. This prayer below can help put you in a fitting frame of mind when reflecting on this wondrous event:

Almighty and eternal God, who hast taken up into the glory of Heaven, with body and soul, the immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of thy son: grant us, we pray, that we may always strive after heavenly things and thus merit to share in her glory. Amen.

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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

What can I do this week to build up my 'everlasting treasure' in heaven?

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time 10 August 2025

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, Prescot Road, Ormskirk, L39 6TA.



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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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>

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 for further information, including booking costs, please contact Rose Curry on 07932 729896.

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

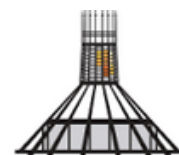
SUPPORT FOR THE DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

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.



Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool

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

The funeral mass for the late John Morrison-Wells is at St Edmund of Canterbury Church, 62 Oxford Road, Waterloo. L22 8QF, on Tuesday 19 August at 12.00 noon. 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. The next training day is 25 October at Irenaeus



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 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



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for their
sponsored
walk
Register at:
www.stjhospice.org.uk

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

Masses and Service for week commencing 17th August 2025

DATE	English Martyrs	St Robert Bellarmine
Sunday 17 th August	9.30am Jane Wood	11.00am Carl Jones
Sanctuary Lamp	For healing (AL)	Peter Allen
Monday 18 th August	10.30am John Kenny	
Tuesday 19 th August		10.00am Funeral Mass Harry Gillespie
Wednesday 20 th August	NO MASS	NO MASS
Thursday 21 st August	10.30am Victoria Parry	
Friday 22 nd August		10.30am Joseph Hartley
Saturday 23 rd August	NO MASS	NO MASS
Sunday 24 th August	9.30am Carol Wynne	11.00am Esther O'Shea

Masses and Services for the coming week

DATE	English Martyrs	St Robert Bellarmine
Sunday 10th August Sanctuary Lamp	9.30am John Vondy Chloe Smith	11.00am Anne Taylor Ann Hore
Monday 11th August	10.30am Suzanne McQuade	
Tuesday 12th August		10.30am Bill Houlton
Wednesday 13th August	NO MASS	NO MASS
Thursday 14th August	10.30am Norman Higdon	
Friday 15th August	12.00pm Perpetual Mass List	10.30am Brian Daley
Saturday 16th August	NO MASS	NO MASS
Sunday 17th August	9.30am Jane Wood	11.00am Carl Jones

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