



## Parish of St Josephine Bakhita



### ENGLISH MARTYRS



### PARISH PRIEST

Very Rev Canon  
Mark B Madden  
KCHS FRSA

### ST ROBERT BELLARMINE



As October fades and the year leans toward its end, the Church invites us to lift our gaze toward eternity.

The twin feasts of All Saints (1 November) and All Souls (2 November) remind us that death is not the end, but a doorway into the fullness of life with God.

On All Saints' Day, we rejoice with that "great multitude that no one could count" — the holy men and women who now stand before the throne of God. Some are well-known: St. Francis, St. Thérèse, St. John Paul II. Others are saints of the everyday: parents, teachers, friends, quiet souls whose holiness was hidden but real. The feast calls us not only to honour them, but to join them — to live lives of faith, hope, and love, shaped by the Beatitudes.

Then, on All Souls' Day, our focus turns to those who have died but are still on their journey to the light of heaven. We pray for them because love does not end at death. The Church, in her wisdom, encourages us to visit cemeteries, light candles, and offer Masses — acts of mercy that bind the living and the dead in one communion of grace.

Together, these feasts form a bridge between heaven and earth. They remind us that we are part of something vast and beautiful: the Communion of Saints, where prayer, remembrance, and love unite all God's children — past, present, and yet to come.

*Fr Mark*

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**PLEASE OFFER YOUR PRAYERS FOR THOSE PARISHIONERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ILL**



Joseph Mulhaney  
Michael Lundon  
Margaret Spencer  
Peter Gibbons

## **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER**



### **For the prevention of suicide**

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

*Lord in your mercy...*

## **COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

On this day, the Church lovingly prays for all who have died as it marks the beginning of the month of remembrance. It is a day of remembrance, hope, and mercy — when we offer Masses and prayers for our loved ones who have gone before us, trusting in God's promise of eternal life.

This year, the day is Monday 3rd November. Two Masses will be offered in the parish:

**10:00am at English Martyrs and 12noon at St Robert Bellarmine.**



## **ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

The Archdiocesan Young Adult Group meet fortnightly at Pauline Book Centre (84 Church Street, Liverpool L1 3AY). From 18:30-20:00 on Tuesday 4 November, the Young Adults will be meeting with to have a faith-based talk with Sr Elaine Penrice fsp followed by some social time with food and refreshment. Anyone aged 18-35 would be most welcome. For enquiries, please contact Moses at [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk).

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## NOVEMBER MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

Envelopes are now available at the back of both churches for names of loved ones that you wish to be remembered during the month of November. Please print the names, add a donation and bring it back to church.

Masses in remembrance will be said throughout the month.



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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>

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### **ST ANNE & BLESSED DOMINIC, SUTTON, ST HELENS – PILGRIMAGE VISITS VISITS**

From the 8th November St Anne & Blessed Dominic will be open between 2-4pm on Saturday afternoons for pilgrimage visits. This arrangement will remain in place until the end of December.

It is still possible to arrange visits at other times by phoning the parish office - 01744811935. The office is open every Monday and Friday.

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### **ENGLISH MARTYRS PENSIONERS GROUP**

The Pensioners have a few spare places in their group if you would like to join them. They meet on a Tuesday in English Martyrs Parish Hall from 1-4pm.

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## 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](mailto:djmoroney@cantab.net) or 07394 503 911

## LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 2026

Applications for the Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage with Sefton Coach 7 are LIVE now at [liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk](http://liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk). Young people aged from Year 10-age of 22 are invited to be part of Coach 7 this year (22nd-31st July 2026). The cost of the pilgrimage is £720 but fundraising will reduce this cost. For more information email [coach7@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:coach7@rcaol.org.uk)

## THANK YOU!

Irenaeus Outreach and Spirituality Centre, Great Georges Road, Waterloo have sent their thanks for the recent donations of food etc. It has been a great help

There is now a box at the back of St Robert's for continuing donations.



Donations left at the back of English Martyrs will continue to be given to the hub on Moss Lane - providing support for families in our immediate local area

## CAFOD Christmas Fun Run – 27 December

Signup is open for CAFOD's annual Fun Run!

The run will take place on 27 December at Wavertree Sports Park and is open to all.

Run, walk, or wheel with family and friends to share the joy of Christmas and raise money for those in need!

Scan the QR code on the poster to sign up, or search CAFOD Fun Run.



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## Exploring Faith, Work and Civic Life: Reading the Signs: Where Are We, Really?

Together Liverpool is running three linked events exploring faith, work and civic life led by Jenny Sinclair, the third and the final one is on November 27th. The event is aimed at Church leaders, volunteers and activists, Community organisers, local councillors and curious neighbours, anyone interested in a deeper, hope-filled vision of public life. More information at [eventbrite.co.uk](https://eventbrite.co.uk)

## CHURCHES TOGETHER ON MERSEYSIDE

### Faith in the City Anniversary Survey

As part of the Faith in the City 40th anniversary project CTMR/Together Liverpool are developing a manifesto that will be presented to civic leaders within the Liverpool City Region at a 40th anniversary event taking place in November 2025. That manifesto will be developed by asking people to contribute their perspectives through a brief survey. Please see the link(s) below. Thank you in advance for your time.

<https://togetherliverpool.org.uk/whats-new/faith-in-the-city-survey/>

## THE LIVERPOOL METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL CHOIR PRESENTS

### A Celebration of Christmas – Saturday 13 December

A Celebration of Christmas returns this year on Saturday 13 December with a night of musical cheer, guaranteed to get you into the festive spirit.

Join the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir and some very special guests for what promises to be a magical event for all the family.

Sing along to classic carols, enjoy traditional readings and celebrate Christmas in the glorious surroundings of the Metropolitan Cathedral



Tickets: £10 each/ £18 family, available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral)

## ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Yesterday in St Peter's Square, the Holy Father formally proclaimed St John Henry Newman a Doctor of the Church—a unique title given to saints whose teaching shines with outstanding holiness and wisdom for every age.



St John Henry Newman's life and writings—on conscience, the development of doctrine, the call to holiness, and the harmony of faith and reason—continue to guide Catholics, students, teachers, and seekers of truth.

An Oxford scholar and pastor, Newman followed truth wherever it led. His conversion to the Catholic Church (1845) cost him dearly, yet he became a gracious bridge-builder, a champion of Catholic education, and a gentle spiritual guide. Canonised in 2019, he is now recognised not only for his sanctity but for teaching that helps the whole Church grow deeper in Christ.

With Newman's proclamation, there are now 39 Doctors of the Church—saints whose writings and witness have enduring value for the whole Catholic world. This joyful event takes place during the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, on the feast of All Saints—a fitting day to honour one who led countless souls to holiness of mind and heart.

## JUBILEE ICON TOUR

As part of the celebrations marking the Jubilee Year, the Jubilee Icon has been touring dioceses across the UK, inspiring communities with its message of hope and renewal.

We're delighted that at the end of October, the icon will be arriving in the Archdiocese of Liverpool for two weeks. This is a special opportunity to encounter the icon in person and reflect on the Jubilee theme Pilgrims of Hope.



You can see the icon on Monday 3 November (7.00pm) at St Mary's Public Oratory, Aughton L39 6TA or on Wednesday 5 November - (9am-4pm) at The Irenaeus Project 32 Great Georges Rd, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 1RD

A full timetable can be viewed here: ([www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news/jubilee-icon-tour](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news/jubilee-icon-tour))

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## ADOREMUS 2025

On Saturday 8 November, the Archdiocese of Liverpool will host Adoremus at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King—a day of prayer, reflection, and celebration at the heart of our Jubilee Year.

During the day, there will be opportunities for Mass, shared diocesan prayer, confession, veneration of the relics of St Carlos Acutis and a range of workshops focussed on ministry.

The full timetable can be viewed below. Everyone is warmly invited to attend all or part of the day. If you'd like to participate in the workshops, please sign up here ([archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/vqaovtcw](http://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/vqaovtcw)) as spaces are limited.



## ADOREMUS LIVERPOOL

### Saturday 8 November

*Come and join us to adore the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.*

There will be **Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Mass,**  
opportunities for **Reconciliation,** a variety of **workshops**  
and a **shared time of diocesan prayer.**

|              | <u>Columba Chapel</u>                                                                                 | <u>Meeting Room</u>                                                                                 |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>09:00</b> | <b>Holy Mass and Exposition</b> celebrated by <b>Archbishop John Sherrington</b>                      |                                                                                                     |
| <b>10:15</b> | <b>Diving Deeper into Eucharistic Ministry</b> - Liz Parsons Pastoral Development Dept.               | <b>Readers: Proclaiming the Word</b> - Chris Higgins, Pastoral Development Dept.                    |
| <b>11:05</b> | <b>Guided Reflection on the Jubilee Icon</b> - CAFOD                                                  | <b>A celebration of the Ministry of Music</b> - Mike Anderson, musician and writer                  |
| <b>11:55</b> | <b>Discerning, Choosing, Deciding</b> - Sr Lynne Baron FCJ                                            | <b>Ministry of Welcome</b> - Chris Knowles and St Vincent de Paul Parish                            |
| <b>12:50</b> | <b>Call to Holiness</b> - Fr Peter McGrail                                                            |                                                                                                     |
| <b>14:00</b> | <b>Shared time for diocesan prayer</b> led by <b>Archbishop John Sherrington</b>                      |                                                                                                     |
| <b>15:15</b> | <b>A journey through chaplaincy</b> - Prisons Chaplain Ken McCabe and College Chaplain Kathryn Edmond | <b>Children's Liturgy</b> - Mary Kearsley and Margaret Jennings from Wigan Children's Liturgy Group |
| <b>16:15</b> | <b>Veneration of relics</b> of Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati & Saint Carlo Acutis                       |                                                                                                     |
| <b>17:00</b> | <b>Holy Mass</b> celebrated by <b>Bishop Tom Neylon</b>                                               |                                                                                                     |

*All attendees under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.*



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PILGRIMS OF HOPE



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of Christ the King Liverpool

Scan here  
to sign up!



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## EXPLORING HOPE – JUBILEE ICON EVENT, FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER

The Archdiocese of Liverpool's Justice and Peace Commission invites you to 'Exploring Hope', a special evening to mark the visit of the Jubilee Icon to our Archdiocese.

Come and see the Jubilee Icon, explore the theology of hope, and hear reflections from CAFOD on the meaning and message of the icon.

Friday 7 November, 6.00–9.00pm

St Catherine of Siena and All Saints Church

This event is open to everyone in the archdiocese — all are warmly welcome.



## FEAST OF THE WEEK

Blessed Frances d'Amboise (1427-1485)

Frances was born in 1427, in Thouars, France. She was the wife of Peter II, Duke of Brittany. After his death, and with the direction of Blessed John Soreth, the Carmelite Prior General at the time, she took the habit of the Carmelite Order in the monastery she had previously founded in Bondon. Afterwards she transferred to another foundation in Nantes, also erected by her, where she held the office of prioress and nourished the sisters with wise teaching. She is considered the foundress of the Carmelite nuns in France. She died in 1485, and with her last words she encouraged her sisters: "In everything, do that which will make God loved the more!"



## THE IRENAEUS CENTRE, COME & SEE DAY: 'LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY'

On Saturday 8 November the Irenaeus Centre is hosting a come & see day with keynote speaker Maria Burgess. The day is expected to begin at 10:00 and conclude by 16:00. Suggested donation of £10. Please bring a packed lunch. For further details contact: [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or call 0151 949 1199

## 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.



## LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY - SUNDAY MASS

Sunday Mass will have recommenced at Liverpool Hope University. Mass will take place at 5.30pm in the Chapel on Hope Park Campus each Sunday during term time. This Mass is in addition to the weekly 12.15pm Thursday lunchtime Mass.

All members of the university community are welcome to attend.

Contact Fr Peter Murphy ([p.murphy@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:p.murphy@rcaol.org.uk)) for more information.



## ADOREMUS 2025 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

All are invited to join Adoremus 2025 at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday 8 November, 9.00am–5.00pm.

Come and spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Mass, and shared prayer, with workshops and opportunities for Confession throughout the day. We're also looking for volunteers to help welcome and assist pilgrims.

If you'd like to get involved, please email the Pastoral Development department at [PD@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:PD@rcaol.org.uk)



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## ST ROBERT'S OVER 50's CLUB

The Over 50's Club meet in St Robert's parish centre on Thursday afternoons between 1.00 and 3.00pm. and is open to all.

Why not pop along and join in the fun - tea and coffee are available and, for a small charge, there is a raffle and a couple of games of Bingo for you to enjoy. Regular members are asked to make a payment of £1.50 per week



## CONGRATULATIONS

Liverpool-born Archbishop Paul Gallagher has been appointed a Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George (KCMG) by His Majesty King Charles III.

The honour was awarded during King Charles' and Queen Camilla's landmark visit to the Vatican, which saw the King and Pope Leo XIV making history as they became the first leaders of the Catholic Church and Church of England to pray together side by side.

Archbishop Gallagher, who has served as the Holy See's Secretary for Relations with States since 2014, (the Pope's Foreign Secretary), was recognised for his outstanding contributions to international diplomacy and interfaith dialogue. His knighthood marks a significant moment of recognition for his decades of service across continents and cultures.



Archbishop Paul was born and raised in Liverpool and was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Derek Worlock in 1977. He served in Fazakerley before returning to Rome to undertake further studies, when he also joined the Vatican Diplomatic Service. He served as a Vatican Diplomat in Africa, Tanzania, Uruguay and the Philippines, before returning to Rome as the Representative of the Holy See at the Council of Europe.

He was ordained Titular Archbishop of Hodelm in 2004 and was appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Burundi. In 2009 he was appointed to Guatemala and on 11 December 2012 he was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI to be Apostolic Nuncio to Australia prior to his current assignment.

Fr Mark was present when the honour was awarded and congratulated Archbishop Paul on behalf of the parish. His appointment will be celebrated in the archdiocese sometime in the coming months.

## MICAH LIVERPOOL QUIZ NIGHT – FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER

Micah Liverpool are hosting a Quiz Night at St Bride's Church, L8 7LT. Join us for a night of fun and trivia, where all proceeds go to Micah Liverpool! Book your tickets at [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

*For what do I feel I am praying in vain? Can I find the will to pray for it persistently? Meanwhile, how can I be part of God's answer to someone else's persistent prayer?*

## CHRISTMAS OUTINGS AND FUNDRAISING

### FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 - CHATSWORTH HOUSE

#### LAST CHANCE TO JOIN US!!

Numbers for Chatsworth have to be confirmed **THIS WEEK**

It is a Day Coach trip to Chatsworth House for their Christmas Extravaganza and Christmas Markets. The market is excellent with many stalls and places to eat.

Cost is £65 which includes entry to the House, garden light trail and the Markets. **Names by Tuesday please.**

**Those who have already booked can you please now pay the balance due. Thank you**



### MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2025 - LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC HALL SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

This is a wonderful evening of classic carols, seasonal readings, audience singalongs and festive fun, all wrapped up and delivered by the fabulous baritone Benjamin Appl. He'll be hosting the entire extravaganza and of course treating us to some musical magic along the way. Last year's performance was amazing and was also very popular with everyone. Cost for this one is £60 which includes your ticket and transport to and from the Hall.

#### BACK BY VERY POPULAR DEMAND!! IRISH GUARDS CHOIR CONCERT

We again have the Irish Guards Choir joining us for an afternoon of entertainment on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November. This was an absolutely wonderful few hours last year. The choir perform twice during the afternoon giving us some 'golden oldies' and a festive sing-a-long. We will have a fun Christmas tombola. Tickets for this are now on sale at the back of both Churches. Entry is £3 - a bargain for a lovely afternoon's entertainment

#### CHRISTMAS BINGO

Christmas Bingo in English Martyrs will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Put it in your diary - tickets will be on sale nearer the time

#### DONATIONS PLEASE!

**We would be very grateful for any donations of bottles/fancy goods etc to assist in our Christmas fundraisers.**

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## Masses and Services for the coming week

| DATE                                             | English Martyrs                                                  | St Robert Bellarmine                                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 2nd November</b><br><br>Sanctuary Lamp | <b>9.30am</b><br>People of the Parish<br><br><b>Paul Nickson</b> | <b>11.00am</b><br>Anne Kelly & Rene Carey<br><br><b>Margaret, Gerard and Albert Price</b> |
| <b>Monday 3rd November</b>                       | <b>10.00am</b><br>Pious List                                     | <b>12.00pm</b><br>Pious List                                                              |
| <b>Tuesday 4th November</b>                      |                                                                  | <b>11.30am</b><br>Funeral Mass<br>Leila Bromilow                                          |
| <b>Wednesday 5th November</b>                    | <b>NO MASS</b>                                                   | <b>NO MASS</b>                                                                            |
| <b>Thursday 6th November</b>                     | <b>10.00am</b><br>Bernard Whiteside                              |                                                                                           |
| <b>Friday 7th November</b>                       |                                                                  | <b>10.00am</b><br>Linda McKeown                                                           |
| <b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>          | <b>NO MASS</b>                                                   | <b>NO MASS</b>                                                                            |
| <b>Sunday 9th November</b>                       | <b>9.30am</b><br>Maureen Mullarkey                               | <b>11.00am</b><br>People of the Parish                                                    |

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