Alpha	Parishes of St Robert Bellarmine and St Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Office: 52 Orrell Road Bootle L20 6DZ **Parish Priest: Fr Faustinus Ugwuanyi** Tel 0151 922 1352 Registered Charity No 1199714 30th November 2024 – 8th December 2024	Omega

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Saturday 30 November	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Sandra Doyle (Anniversary Remembrance)**
Sunday 1 December	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Ann Marie Hore (Sick)
Tuesday 3 December	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Eileen Callaghan (Birthday Remembrance)
Wednesday 4 December	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**9.00 am**	**Larry Riley (Lately Dead)**
Friday 6 December	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Fr Barry McAllister (Ordination Anniversary Remembrance)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

Saturday 7 December	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Patricia Bradley (Lately Dead)**
Sunday 8 December	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Norm Higdon (1st Anniversary Remembrance)

CONFESSIONS

Confessions on Tuesday morning after mass at St Robert Bellarmine's,
Wednesday morning after mass at St Elizabeth's **OR,**
at any other time by appointment – please contact the Parish Office

THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office can be contacted on 0151 922 1352 or by email strobert@rcaol.org.uk.
The Parish Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between 9:30am and 1:30pm.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Any calls or messages outside these times will not be answered immediately, but you will receive a call back as

Please pray for the following who have died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Lately Dead:

Anniversaries: Sandra Doyle

Please remember the sick and those who care for them.
Hazel Dempster, Rachel Capener, Alan Mercer, Colin Faulke, Robbie Pennington, Gary Ford, Kathleen Colleran, Rose Westhead, Tony Mitchell, Sheila Thompson, Alan Wain, Dougie Wain, Janet Broomfield, Anthony Ward, Frances Williamson, Harriet Lawler, Paul James, Carol Barnes, Ged Barnes, Ellen Carragher, Ed Schofield, Wendi Warner, John Mitchell, Joe Mitchell, Fr Des Seddon, Gill Platt, Ann Marie Hore, Michael Coyne, June Keir

To be included on the sick list please, write down names and post them in the presbytery letter box, or email the Parish Office – strobert@rcaol.org.uk
Please make the person aware, as they may not want their name published.

SEEING YOURSELF THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL
MARK 13:24-32

1. We live in a time when we are told that disaster lies ahead for us and for our planet if we do not change our ways. But perhaps this new awareness can be a prelude to us changing our ways? The gospel was written to give hope to Christians in danger. What gives you hope amid the dangers facing our world today?

2. This passage can be taken as a metaphor for personal experiences when it seemed that your world was collapsing around you: plans thwarted, deep disappointment, something out of your control altering the course of your life, etc.? When have such experiences been a prelude to something new? Allow the dramatic language of the passage to remind you of this experience, making sure that you recognise the double movement of collapse and liberation.

3. Jesus himself is the model in this gospel story as he taught his disciples the spirituality of 'waiting in joyful hope'. What difference has watchfulness (in the sense of being watchful in prayer) and hope made to you in facing difficult situations?

4. Advent is a time that calls us to be alert to the signs of the hidden presence of God in our world. What reminds you of this presence of God? Have there been occasions when something woke you up in an unexpected way to the presence of God in the world, e.g. through love, beauty, nature, etc?

John Byrne OSA

PARISH OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Last weekend we announced that with effect from this weekend the Archbishop has decided that the new parish comprising of the churches of English Martyrs, St Elizabeth of Hungary and St Robert Bellarmine would be known as **Saint Josephine Bakhita**.

The short biography of St Josephine Bakhita has been placed on the notice board at St Elizabeth's and St Robert's.



Catholic Pic

The November issue of the Catholic Pic is now available at the back of church.

You can view it online at;
https://issuu.com/catholic_pic/docs/catholic_pic_november_2024

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father of goodness and love,
Hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.
Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence.
Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness,
make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits.
May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts.
We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed.
Amen

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please keep the Year 4 children of our two schools in your prayers as they receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first-time next week.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CALENDARS

Christmas Cards and Calendars are available to buy at the back of church.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets for the Christmas Raffle are on sale at the back of church

THE WHITECHAPEL CENTRE

We are collecting tea, coffee and biscuits for the Whitechapel Centre again this year. If you are able, please leave your donations at the back of church.

During this time while some are unable to receive the Eucharist at Mass, you may like to use a prayer of spiritual communion.

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
And unite myself wholly to You.
I love you, my Jesus:
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AND MASS OFFERINGS

Many thanks to all those who have been passing their Offertory envelopes to Church, and to those who have set up a standing order or donated online.

The Archdiocese have set up two online ways to enable you to make your donation. I have provided details for both methods on this page. Thank you to those who donate in this way.

Online and Text Giving

Online Giving – Please choose the correct Parish.

The Archdiocesan online giving website can be used for both one-off and regular monthly donations.
To make donations directly to St Robert's, follow the link;

https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-robert-bellarmine-litherland

To donate directly to St Elizabeth's follow the link
https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-elizabeth-litherland

Donations may be made by standing order, as a one-off donation, or as a regular weekly donation. Please don't forget to tick the gift aid box if you are a UK taxpayer as this will boost your donation by 25% at no extra cost to yourself.

Text Giving – Please text the correct Parish

Text giving is also available, and the details below are ready to use for accepting both one-off and regular donations. Four text giving campaigns have been created for each parish. The details of each campaign are given below.

Text ***STROBERT or STELIZABETH*** to 70085 to donate £2. Texts cost £2 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £2 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text ***STROBERTNOINFO or STELIZABETHNOINFO*** to 70085.

Text ***STROBERT or STELIZABETH*** to 70450 to donate £3. Texts cost £3 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £3 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text ***STROBERTNOINFO or STELIZABETHNOINFO*** to 70450.

Text ***STROBERT or STELIZABETH*** to 70460 to donate £5. Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £5 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text ***STROBERTNOINFO or STELIZABETHNOINFO*** to 70460.

Text ***STROBERT or STELIZABETH*** to 70470 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications,
text ***STROBERTNOINFO or STELIZABETHNOINFO*** to 70470.