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 **23rd November 2024 – 1st December 2024**	Omega

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Saturday 23 November	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Sandra Doyle (Birthday Remembrance)/Pious List**
Sunday 24 November	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Rene Carey (Anniversary Remembrance)/Pious List
Tuesday 26 November	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Cecilia Ormesher (Birthday Remembrance)/Pious List
Wednesday 27 November	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**9.00 am**	**Pious List**
Friday 29 November	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Allan Tippins (Anniversary Remembrance)/Pious List

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

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)

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

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

Lately Dead:

Anniversaries: Rene Carey, Allan Tippins, Stan Hughes, Sandra Doyle

Wedding Anniversary Remembrance: Margaret Mary Shaw

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

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. The feast we have today, and the gospel, give us an opportunity to reflect on the different ways in which we, and others, exercise influence and leadership. The authority of Pilate came from position and power. The authority of Jesus came from his integrity and what he stood for. Recall leaders you have known whose influence was like that of Jesus (teachers, community leaders, family members).

2.The values of the kingdom of God cannot be imposed. It is never a matter of fighting battles, or forcing others into compliance. Perhaps through experience you have learned the limitations of the use of force, as a parent, a teacher, a group leader. What has been the good news, the learnings for you, in this?

3.Jesus came to bear witness to the truth and we are all created for a purpose. Who are today's witnesses to truth in the world? Who are the people whose witness to truth has impressed you, either now or in the past? In what way have you been able to be a witness to truth? What was it like for you to be such a witness?

John Byrne OSA

FUNERALS THIS WEEK

There will be a Funeral Service for **Lawrence (Larry) Riley** on Thursday 28th November at 12:30 pm at St Robert Bellarmine's Church.

May He Rest In Peace

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets for the Christmas Raffle will be on sale next weekend.

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Catholic Bishops of England, Wales and Scotland have issued a statement on Assisted Suicide ahead of the Second Reading of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill.

In it, the bishops explain exactly what 'compassion' means at the end of life - caring for and accompanying people, particularly during times of suffering.

The bishops urge Catholics to contact their local MP to make their opposition known, asking him or her to oppose or not support the bill.

A copy of the full statement is available at the back of church for those who wish to take it away with them.

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

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CALENDARS

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

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. There will be no coffee mornings during the month of December

PARISH CENSUS

HAVE YOU COMPLETED ANDRETURNED YOUR CENSUS FORM YET?
IF NOT, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



St Robert Bellarmine
and
St Elizabeth of Hungary
Pray for Us



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.