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 28th September 2024 – 6th October 2024	Omega

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Saturday 28 September	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Daniels Family (Special Intention)**
Sunday 29 September	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Teresa, Lee, Tony & Eddie Newhall (Remembrance)
Tuesday 1 October	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Mary Hogan (Lately Dead)
Wednesday 2 October	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**9.00 am**	**Desmond Gibbons (Lately Dead)**
Friday 4 October	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Ken Williams (Lately Dead)

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

Saturday 5 October	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Patricia Kelly (Birthday Remembrance)**
Sunday 6 October	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Anne Kelly (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 PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER

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: Josie Parkes

Anniversaries: Anne Kelly

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

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 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

1. John objected when a person, who was not in their group, cast out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus himself had no problems with this. Jealousy can poison our outlook even when what is done by another is good. 'S/he is invading my patch.' Perhaps you have seen, in yourself or in others, the negative effect of jealousy and the contrasting positive effect of being able to rejoice that good is being done, irrespective of the person doing it.

2. In strong terms Jesus condemns those who are destructive of the life of others, particularly the 'little ones'. Just as Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full, we likewise are here to make a positive difference to others. What was it like for you when you were able to do something that was helpful to another?

3. One of the ways in which we can do much harm is by adopting a superior, dismissive or judgemental attitude toward people whose lifestyle, spirituality or devotional practices differ from ours. Rather than setting ourselves up to judge others, would it not be better to see what we can learn from them?

4. Rather dramatically Jesus tells us to cut off a hand, or tear out an eye, rather than harm another. It is not to be taken literally but it does mean that we should not be casual about our efforts to live a good life that is respectful of others. When have you experienced the benefits of an element of seriousness in your approach to life?

John Byrne OSA

FUNERALS THIS WEEK

There will be a Funeral Mass for **Ken Williams** on Monday 30th September at 10:00 am at St Robert Bellarmine's Church.

May He Rest In Peace

DEANERY SYNODAL COUNCIL

The DSC met with the Deanery Clergy on Monday 23rd September.
At the meeting Jill Williams and Alan Stokes offered to be chairs alongside our Dean.
The main discussion was looking towards the future and how best we can carry out the mission of Our Lord in this part of the Diocese. We agreed to seek help in a facilitated process that will enable us to look at how we can work together and best use our resources.
We were asked to send a question or comment to the ASC (Archdiocesan Synodal Council) – we want to suggest that the Diocese look at the possibility of creating one parish out of all the Deanery parishes so we can better work together.

PARISH CENSUS

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

Catholic Pic

The September 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_september_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

PARISH READERS

The Liturgy Commission are offering parish readers (existing or new) an opportunity to come together for some practical training and reflection on their important ministry this autumn.
Readers are welcome to come to any of the following mornings:

Saturday 5th October - Childwall, L16 6AW
Saturday 19th October - Waterloo, L22 1RD
Saturday 2nd November - Leyland, PR25 1PD.

All 10am to 1pm (followed by lunch - bring a packed lunch)

Please speak to Christine for details and/or see the poster 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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Our Harvest Fast Day is on Friday 4th October. Please use one of the CAFOD envelopes which you can find at the back of Church.
Thank you.

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.