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 **18th May 2024 – 26th May 2024**	Omega

PENTECOST SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

FEAST OF PENTECOST (YEAR B)

Saturday 18 May	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Mary Murney (Remembrance)**
Sunday 19 May	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Robert Jones and Michael Rumsey (Remembrance)
Tuesday 21 May	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Glad Pearson (Remembrance)
Friday 24 May	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	No Mass this morning.

TRINITY SUNDAY (YEAR B)

Saturday 25 May	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Mick Knight (Anniversary Remembrance)**
Sunday 26 May	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Norm Higdon (Remembrance)

CONFESSIONS

Confessions on Tuesday morning after mass at St Robert Bellarmine'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.
NB: THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY 22nd AND FRIDAY 24th MAY.
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: John Paul Digweed, Mary Hand, Phylis Webb

Anniversaries: Mick Knight, Glad Pearson

Please remember the sick and those who care for them.
Hazel Dempster, Rachel Capener, Ken Williams, 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, Roy Maloney, Paul James, Ann Barnes, Carol Barnes, Ged Barnes, Ellen Carragher, Ed Schofield, Wendi Warner, John Mitchell, Joe Mitchell

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
JOHN 15:26-27, 16:12-15

1. Jesus recognised that his disciples were not capable of taking in everything at once. Wisdom about life comes slowly and sometimes painfully. Hearing the 'right' answer at the 'wrong' time does not help us. We need to be ready and open to receiving the truth if it is to have any impact. Perhaps you can recall some occasions when it was the 'right time for you learn a truth about life. Remember your experiences of growth in understanding.

2. The Spirit can guide us to understanding in different settings. Understanding may have come to you when you were praying or reflecting on your life. Perhaps the Spirit guided you through the words of someone close to you, or through the words and actions of people you read about or saw on TV. Remember and give thanks for the people who have helped you to greater wisdom in life.

3. The Spirit also speaks to us through 'the signs of the times.' The church has lived through a troubled decade or two, and society has been through turbulent times with the climate crisis, political unrest, wars and forced migration. How do you think the Spirit is speaking to us at this time?

4. Wisdom is handed on from person to person, and from generation to generation, within families, within communities, etc. Are there any particular gems of wisdom that you cherish from what has been handed on to you? What wisdom would you like most of all to pass on to those close to you?

John Byrne OSA

PARISH NEWS

Our warmest congratulations to Fr Faustinus who has been appointed by Archbishop Malcolm as the Parochial Administrator (Parish Priest) of St Elizabeth of Hungary and St Robert Bellarmine with effect from Sunday 19th May 2024

St Elizabeth's First Holy Communions

This Friday, 19th May, the children from Year 4 of St Elizabeth's Primary School will receive the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time.

Please keep them in your prayers.

There will be no 9.00am mass at St Robert Bellarmine's that morning.

ALTAR SERVERS

Are you, or is your child, in Year 4 or above and would like to become an Altar Server at either Parish.

We are hoping to welcome some young people to train in this important ministry in our parishes.

Please speak to Fr Faustinus or Christine for more details and to register your interest.

Catholic Pic

The April 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_may_2024

SAFEGUARDING

As a Parish/Deanery we are having a safeguarding audit in June and everyone who holds a volunteer role within the parish that is subject to DBS checks and is still doing the role may need to be rechecked depending on the date of their last check.

If you hold a role and no longer wish to hold that role, could you please let Anne-Marie or Christine know so that your DBS can be cancelled, otherwise you will be required to undergo a recheck shortly.

If you're not sure, please speak to one of us.

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

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.



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.