Alpha	Parishes of St Robert Bellarmine and St Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Office: 52 Orrell Road Bootle L20 6DZ **Priest in Residence: Fr Faustinus Ugwuanyi** Tel 0151 922 1352 Registered Charity No 1199714 **11th May 2024 – 19th May 2024**	Omega

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Saturday 11 May	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Carl Jones (Remembrance)**
Sunday 12 May	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Maureen and Henry Rimmer (Remembrance)
Tuesday 14 May	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Allan Tippins (Remembrance)
Friday 17 May	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Tom Ryan (Birthday Remembrance)

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)

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.
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

Anniversaries: Marie Simpson, Mary Murray, John Dolan Snr, John Dolan Jnr.

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.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

All of us are called to grow together, in humanity and as humanity. We are challenged to make a qualitative leap in order to become a complex, multiethnic, pluralistic, multireligious and multicultural society. We are called to reflect carefully on the theoretical development and the practical use of these new instruments of communication and knowledge. Their great possibilities for good are accompanied by the risk of turning everything into abstract calculations that reduce individuals to data, thinking to a mechanical process, experience to isolated cases, goodness to profit, and, above all, a denial of the uniqueness of each individual and his or her story. The concreteness of reality dissolves in a flurry of statistical data.
The digital revolution can bring us greater freedom, but not if it imprisons us in models that nowadays are called "echo chambers". In such cases, rather than increasing a pluralism of information, we risk finding ourselves adrift in a mire of confusion, prey to the interests of the market or of the powers that be. It is unacceptable that the use of artificial intelligence should lead to groupthink, to a gathering of unverified data, to a collective editorial dereliction of duty. The representation of reality in "big data", however useful for the operation of machines, ultimately entails a substantial loss of the truth of things, hindering interpersonal communication and threatening our very humanity. Information cannot be separated from living relationships.

Pope Francis' message for the 58th World Day of Communications: 'Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart; Towards a Fully Human Communication

EXAM TIME

Please keep all those sitting exams, and their teachers, in your prayers over the next couple of weeks .

We pray especially for those in Year 6 of our two primary schools as they have their KS2 SATS tests next week.

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.

CONFIRMATION 2024

Over the next few weeks, we will be welcoming our confirmation candidates to mass as they prepare to receive the sacrament during June.
Please keep them in your prayers.

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.
More details next week.

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.