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 **20th April 2024 – 28th April 2024**	Omega

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

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Saturday 20 April	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Bridget Watters (Anniversary Remembrance)**
Sunday 21 April	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Janet Fowler (Birthday Remembrance)
Tuesday 23 April	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Debbie Kenna (Birthday)
Friday 26 April	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Private Intention (MJ)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

Saturday 27 April	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Thomas Callaghan (Birthday Remembrance)**
Sunday 28 April	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Patricia Cherry (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 Fowler, Kath O'Keeffe

Anniversaries:

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

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 10:11-18

1. Our relationship with those 'in charge' of us changes when we sense that not only are they in charge, but they care. Remember the difference this made for you as a child and give thanks for the caring adults who were part of your life.

2.The good shepherd 'lays down his life for the sheep'. When has your care for another led you to 'lay down your life' for that person, e.g., as a friend, parent, spouse, son or daughter? When have you known another to do this for you?

3.Jesus speaks of the freedom of the Good Shepherd in laying down his life. Faced with the needs of others, we can at times feel trapped into looking after them, caught by duty, obligation, or guilt. We can become like the hired hands doing a job without care for the person. Perhaps you have experienced both attitudes, caring for others under duress and caring by your free choice. What difference did it make when you chose to care for the other, even in circumstances where you had little option?

4.What do these experiences of love and care in human relationships reveal to you about God's love for you?

John Byrne OSA

FUNERALS THIS WEEK

There will be a Funeral Service for
John Fowler on Friday 26th April at
11:00 am at St Robert Bellarmine's Church.

May He Rest In Peace

"Renew Your Spirit: A Day of Charismatic Renewal"

On Saturday 11 May from 10am – 4pm at The Irenaeus Centre, Great Georges Road, L22 1RD.

Join Irenaeus for a day of renewal as we invite the Holy Spirit to work among us and enlighten us.

Guest speaker: Michelle Moran.

This event is open to everyone, whether you're new to Charismatic Renewal or have been involved in the past. For more information and to register, please contact Moira at moira@ireaneus.co.uk or see the poster at the back of church.

CAR PARK REPAIRS

There will be no access to the car park at St Robert's on Tuesday 23rd April to enable the potholes to be repaired.

EASTER RAFFLE

Two raffle prizes remained unclaimed – Joanne Thompson (176) and Nicola Horden (708) Please claim them before the end of April.

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_april_2024

FR BARRY MCALLISTER

On behalf of Fr Barry's family and Fr Faustinus thank you to everyone who attended the Vigil Mass at St Elizabeth's and the Funeral Mass in Wigan recently.

For the messages and support Fr Barry received during COVID and throughout his illness and the messages of sympathy received since his passing the family are extremely grateful.

The funeral mass can be watched using the following link:

https://vimeo.com/event/4219552/4a60428904

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.