Alpha	Parishes of St Robert Bellarmine and St Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Office: 52 Orrell Road Bootle L20 6DZ **Parish Priest: Fr Barry McAllister** **Priest in Residence: Fr Faustinus Ugwuanyi** Tel 0151 922 1352 or 0151 922 3820 Registered Charity No 1199714 **23rd March 2024 – 31st March 2024**	Omega

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

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Saturday 23 March	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Jacqueline Stevens (Birthday Remembrance)**
Sunday 24 March	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Maud Birch (Remembrance)
Monday 25 March	**(St Robert's)**	**7.00 pm**	**Service of Reconciliation**
Tuesday 26 March	**(St Robert's)**	**9.00 am**	**Alex Wright (Remembrance)**
Tuesday 26 March	(St Elizabeth's)	7.00 pm	Service of Reconciliation
Wednesday 27 March		7.30 pm	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
Thursday 28 March	**(St Robert's)**	**7.00 pm**	**Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching**
Friday 29 March	**(St Robert's)**	**12.00 noon**	**Stations of the Cross**
Friday 29 March	(St Elizabeth's)	3.00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion

EASTER SUNDAY (YEAR B)

Saturday 30 March Easter Vigil Mass	**(St Robert's)**	**7.00 pm**	**Eileen, Eugene & Thomas Callaghan (Easter Remembrance)**
Sunday 31 March	(St Elizabeth's)	9.30 am	Josie Daniels (Special Intention)
Sunday 31 March	**(St Robert's)**	**11.00 am**	**John, Laurence and David Breen (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

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

Lately Dead: Catherine King, Doris West

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, Fr. Barry McAllister

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 15:1-39

1. The injustice and brutality of the Passion of Jesus make it a difficult story to read as good news. Yet in the midst of that cruelty the courageous, faithful and self- sacrificing live that Jesus showed for us shines through. Recall moments when the account of the Passion has moved you in a special way. How have you experienced blessing through it?

2. Human love can also be painful. When have you experienced the courage, fidelity and self-sacrifice of others in their love of you? When have you shown that kind of love to others, as a parent, a spouse, or a friend, or in some other relationship?

3. We read the Passion story in the light of the resurrection. What seemed a humiliating and shameful failure for Jesus was not the end of the story. Perhaps with hindsight you can look back on something in your own life that seemed like a tragedy at the time but out of that tragedy new life and new possibilities followed for you.

John Byrne OSA

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Reconciliation Service
St Robert Bellarmine – Monday 25th 7.00pm
St Elizabeth – Tuesday 26th 7.00pm
There will also be an opportunity for individual confession after the Service.

Holy Thursday
St Robert Bellarmine 7.00pm - followed by Watching until 9.00pm

Good Friday
St Robert Bellarmine – Stations of the Cross 12 noon
St Elizabeth – Liturgy of The Passion 3.00pm

Easter Saturday Vigil Mass
St Robert Bellarmine – 7.00pm

Easter Sunday Mass
St Elizabeth 9.30am
St Robert Bellarmine 11.00am

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

There will be a Funeral Mass for **Eveline (Lynn) Gerrard** on Tuesday 26th March at 10:45 am at St Robert Bellarmine's Church.

May She Rest In Peace

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.

Catholic Pic

The March 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_march_2024

Marriage Preparation:

The 3 Deaneries of Sefton have been invited to pilot a new Diocesan marriage preparation course and we would like some volunteers to be trained from each parish. Can you help? The training will be on 13th April from 10.30am - 2.00pm at St Monica's Parish Club.

Please speak to Christine if interested in attending.

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 MINISTRY

Have you thought about becoming a Eucharistic Minister or a Reader. We need more, especially at St Elizabeth's. Eucharistic Minister training will be held at Irenaeus on Saturday 27th April.

Please speak to Christine for more information

LENTEN ALMS

One of the Lenten acts is almsgiving and you will find a donation box at St Robert's near the Sacristy door, and a donation basket at the back of St Elizabeth's.

All money donated will be sent to the children of Gaza and the Holy Land as requested by Archbishop Malcolm.

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.