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 **9th March 2024 – 17th March 2024**	Omega

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Saturday 9 March	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**John Keddy (Birthday Remembrance)**
Sunday 10 March	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Moira Hanton (Anniversary Remembrance)
Tuesday 12 March	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Thomas Callaghan (Birthday Remembrance)
Friday 15 March	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Richard and Lilian Breen (Remembrance)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR B)

Saturday 16 March	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**John Patrick Sheekey (Birthday Remembrance)**
Sunday 17 March	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Ann French (Anniversary 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

If you have anything you wish to be added, please post the details though the Presbytery door's marked newsletter or email or phone the Parish Office.
strobert@rcaol.org.uk or 0151 922 1352.
If you know anyone who would like to receive the newsletter by email, please inform the Parish Office.

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: Ann Maher, Eveline Gerrard, Phil Johnston

Anniversaries: Moira Hanton, Pam McHugh, John Billington, Ann French

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, Maud Lewis, 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
John 3:14-21

1. Jesus speaks of himself being *lifted up*, a term that can mean a physical lifting, or also exaltation. By this play on words the evangelist explains to us that Jesus' gift of himself in the passion was a glorious revelation of love, despite all its injustice and brutality. It is God's wish that everyone who believes in Jesus will have 'eternal life', that is a relationship with God that begins now and survives death.

2. We receive life from God when our faith enables us to trust in God's love for us. We give life to one another when the love between us is trustworthy. Recall memories of that kind of trustworthy love. For whom have you been able to be a 'Jesus person' and give a love that another could trust? Who has show that kind of love to you and been for you a sacrament of God's love?

3. It would be very cushy for us if we could be a source of life to others without cost to ourselves. True life-givers know that they need the generosity of being *lifted up* by giving their lives so that others may have life, Recall when you have had that generosity and give thanks for others who have been like that for you?

John Byrne OSA

FUNERALS THIS WEEK

There will be a Funeral Service for
Ann Maher on Friday 15th March at
1:15 pm at St Robert Bellarmine's Church.

May She Rest In Peace

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

BISHOP'S VISITATION

Bishop Tom Neylon will be visiting the parishes of St Elizabeth's and St Robert Bellarmines next weekend - 16/17 March. We look forward to welcoming him.

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.

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

CONFIRMATION 2024

Any young person currently in year 8 is welcome to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
Registration closes on 15 March.

To register they should visit www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk and click 'Register for Confirmation' at the top right-hand side of the page.

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. Please speak to Christine for more information.

EASTER RAFFLE

Raffle tickets for St Robert's Easter Raffle are on sale 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.

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.