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# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

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| **Saturday 20 January** | **(St Elizabeth's)** | **5.00 pm** | **Carl Jones (Remembrance)** |
| Sunday 21 January | (St Robert's) | 11.00 am | John Gumbrell (Remembrance) |
| Tuesday 23 January | (St Robert's) | 9.00 am | Elaine Herbert |
| Friday 26 January | (St Robert's) | 9.00 am | Joan Smith (Lately Dead) |

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)**

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| **Saturday 27 January** | **(St Elizabeth's)** | **5.00 pm** | **Gary Dunn (Lately Dead)** |
| Sunday 28 January | (St Robert's) | 11.00 am | Rene Carey (Lately Dead) |

**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:** Kathleen (Kathy) Smith, Margaret Mary Martin, Robert 'Bob' Martin

**Anniversaries:** Duncan Morrison, Neil Livingston

**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

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 1:14-20**

1. 'The time is fulfilled' – this is a decisive moment in the life of Jesus. His public ministry is about to begin. Recall turning points in your own life when something new happened and with hindsight you can say the time was ripe for it to happen, 'the time was fulfilled'.

2. 'Repent and believe the good news'. Jesus was not preaching a new doctrine, but calling for a change of heart, as a response to the good news of the gospel message. A new way of understanding God leads to a conversion in how we relate to God, a change of heart. A growth in awareness of who we are can lead us to a new level of self-confidence, another change of heart. Can you recall times when 'good news' led you to a change of heart?

3. The Spirit of God who was at work in Jesus calling the disciples continues to work in our day and in our lives. That is why the gospel message is one of GOOD NEWS. When has your understanding of the gospel message led you to a different style of life? Who was the 'Jesus person' through whom the call came to you? To whom have you been a 'Jesus person' in this way?

4. This Sunday is called the SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD' in order to emphasise the role and importance of the word of God in our lives. What has helped you to discover the Scriptures as a source of encouragement, enlightenment, and renewed faith? Is there something extra you could do now to enhance your appreciation and love of the word of God.

*John Byrne OSA*

**FUNERALS**

There will be a Funeral Service for **Kathleen 'Kathy' Smith** on Thursday 25th January at 12:30 pm at St Robert Bellarmine's Church.

May She Rest In Peace

**ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL DIRECTORY 2024**

The 2024 Archdiocesan Directory is available to buy at the back of both churches. Cost is £4.00

**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.

**VOTIVE LIGHTS**

Over the last few weeks, the votive lights have been getting lit and left on the trays underneath the shelves.

For Health and Safety reasons there will now only be enough votives at each stand to fill the shelves.

Any votives left lit on the tray beneath the shelves will be blown out and lit later in the week.

**Catholic Pic**

The January 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_january_2024

**CONFIRMATION 2024**

Any young person currently in year 8 is welcome to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
Registration will open on 15 January and close 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.

**St Teresa of Calcutta Deanery.**

In establishing our two Families of Parishes we are proposing to set up a Caritas Group. (Caritas is the internationally used name for the churches charitable outreach).

To explore how we do this a meeting (for an hour) has been arranged for Thursday 22nd Feb at Holy Rosary at 7:00pm. So, if you have a passion for social justice, for local issues, for food banks, for cost of living issues, for SVP, CAFOD, environmental issues, justice and peace, live simply, social outreach, then come along and help to shape what we could do in our Deanery and in our Families of Parishes.

**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

**THE WHITECHAPEL CENTRE**

We are collecting tea, coffee and biscuits for the Whitechapel Centre again this year. If you are able, please leave your donations at the back of church.

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.