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 Fax 0151 933 7941 Registered Charity No 1199714 **18th November 2023 – 26th November 2023**	Omega

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Saturday 18 November	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Sandra Doyle (Birthday Remembrance)/Pious List**
Sunday 19 November	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Irene Dempster (Remembrance)Pious List
Tuesday 21 November	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Maud Lewis and all those on our Pious List
Friday 24 November	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	John Lee (Remembrance)/Pious List)

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING (YEAR A)

Saturday 25 November	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Parishioners Intentions and those on our Pious List**
Sunday 26 November	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Margaret Chegwin (Anniversary Remembrance)/Pious List

CONFESSIONS	Confessions on Tuesday at 9.30 am at St Robert Bellarmine's, **OR,** at any other time by appointment – please contact 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.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER.

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: Anthony Boardman, Margaret Grant

Anniversaries: Ann Bjork, Jim Fessey, Margaret Chegwin

Please remember the sick and those who care for them.
Joan Smith, 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, Rene Carey

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
Matthew 23:14-30

1. A gift given in love, is given to be enjoyed, treasured, and used. Through fear, one servant failed to recognise the loving trust being shown to him and buried the talent. When have you found that overcoming fear helped you to make the most of opportunities in life?

2.On the level of our own personal life, faith is not given to us to be locked away, but to be 'traded' with. We trade with it when we believe in its value, trust it, and use it, bringing it into the experiences we have in daily life. Can you recall times when relying on your faith has brought you rewards?

3.Likewise with our own personal gifts and talents. We can fall into the trap of seeing these as our personal possession so that we can do with them as we like, rather than share them as gifts so that they can be multiplied. What is your experience of hoarding or sharing your own gifts? When did you feel most alive?

4.Pope Francis in his letter *The Joy of the Gospel* wrote, 'I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelisation in their respective communities. … The important thing is to not walk alone, but to rely on each other as brothers and sisters EG (33) How is your parish responding to this call?

John Byrne OSA

A FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A Family Christmas Concert given by Liverpool Brass Band, featuring: St Anne's (Stanley) Junior Mixed and Infant School choir, and Rainhill Hi Notes Community Choir at St Francis de Sales, 7.00-9.00.pm, Friday 8th December 2023. Entry £5.00. (Concessions: £4.00; Children under 16 years free).

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets are now on sale at the back of Church for St Robert's Christmas Raffle in aid of Parish Funds.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING, WHAT IS IT?

Firstly, it is everybody's responsibility! Safeguarding relates to the action taken to promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults, and to protect them from harm.

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/department/safeguarding

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CALENDARS

Christmas Cards and Calendars are now on sale at the back of church.

Catholic Pic

The November issue of the Catholic Pic is now available at the back of church and includes an article about one of the Liverpool Pals.

You can view it online at;

https://issuu.com/catholic_pic/docs/catholic_pic_november_2023

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNODAL COUNCIL

The first-ever Archdiocesan Synodal Council for the Archdiocese of Liverpool will be taking place on **Saturday 25 November** from 10.30am.

Anyone can watch the ASC online and can submit questions by clicking the link on the Archdiocese of Liverpool's homepage: https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/

We want as many people as possible to be able to be part of this gathering.

DEANERY NEWS

Following the recent consultation in our parishes by the Deanery Synodal Council we can confirm that the proposed families of parishes has been acknowledged as the right way forward. St Elizabeth's and St Robert's will be in a family with English Martyrs, Our Lady of Walsingham and St Benets.

St Teresa of Calcutta has been chosen as our Deanery Patron.

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

PIOUS LIST

Pious List envelopes and lists are available at the back of both Churches.

Please place completed lists along with your donation in with the offertory, place in the Pious List box, or pass into the Parish Office or the Priest's House.

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.