| Alpha | Parishes of St Robert Bellarmine and St Elizabeth of Hungary<br>Parish Office: 52 Orrell Road Bootle L20 6DZ<br>**Parish Priest: Fr Barry McAllister**<br>**Priest in Residence: Fr Faustinus Ugwuanyi**<br>Tel 0151 922 1352 or 0151 922 3820 Fax 0151 933 7941<br>Registered Charity No 1199714<br>**4th November 2023 – 12th November 2023** | Omega |
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| **Saturday 4 November** | **(St Elizabeth's)** | **5.00 pm** | **Saparamadu Family (Special Intention)/Pious List** |
| Sunday 5 November | (St Robert's) | 11.00 am | Anne Kelly (Birthday Remembrance)/Pious List |
| Tuesday 7 November | (St Robert's) | 9.00 am | Patrick McNulty (Anniversary Remembrance)/Pious List |
| Friday 10 November | (St Robert's) | 9.00 am | Cynthia Ferguson (Remembrance)/Pious List |

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| **Saturday 11 November** | **(St Elizabeth's)** | **5.00 pm** | **Angelica Hetland (Successful Operation)/Pious List** |
| Sunday 12 November | (St Robert's) | 11.00 am | Geraldine Davies (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**.**
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:** Ignatius McNulty

**Anniversaries:** Stan Hughes, Patrick McNulty

**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

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 23:1-12

1. The condemnation of the scribes and pharises by Jesus brings to mind the public discourse about the Church in recent years. This has highlighted the failures of church people to live up to the values of the Gospel. This has had a negative effect on many people and on their religious practice. How do you find hope in the midst of this negative criticism?

2. When our actions match our words about gospel values, then our words carry more weight. Recall people who you admired for this quality. Perhaps your own experience at times confirms this.

3. Our passage ends with a paradox. Thos who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted. For Jesus the way to greatness and a full life is through service of others. When have you found the way of service brought unexpected rewards?

*John Byrne OSA*

## Confirmations 2023

On Thursday 9 November, eight young people from our parishes will be confirmed along with other young people from the parishes of Our Lady & The English Martyrs, Our Lady of Walsingham and St Benet's by Bishop Tom Neylon at St Robert Bellarmine's at 7.00pm.

We would like to thank our young people, and their parents, for taking an active part in their preparation for this celebration.

Please keep them in your prayers.

## GIFT AID

Could you Gift Aid your weekly/monthly offering?

If you are a tax payer the parish is able to claim an extra 25p for each £ you offer.

Please speak to Christine for more details.

## THANK YOU

Pat Faulke and family would like to thank all those who have sent them cards, messages and masses following the recent passing of Doug. The family have been touched by the amount of kindness and support received.

## 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.

## 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

## FAMILY OF PARISHES ROADSHOW

The Pastoral Plan makes clear the way forward for the church in our archdiocese. It says this: "Developing the models of pastoral collaboration that we already have we will create families of parishes." In the future, we will work as Families of Parishes.

To explore what this means, there are three roadshows planned. These are open meetings for anyone and everyone to come. They will take place on;

Tuesday 7 November 7.00pm – 9.00pm at St Anne's Pastoral Centre Ormskirk **and**

Wednesday 8 November 7.00pm – 9.00pm at St Julie's Eccleston, St Helens.

## 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.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CALENDARS

Christmas Cards and Calendars will be available next weekend.

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.