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 **7th October 2023 – 15th October 2023**	Omega

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Sunday 8 October	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Anne Kelly (Anniversary Remembrance)
Tuesday 10 October	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Nicholas Jackson and Family
Friday 13 October	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Theresa Burmingham (Remembrance)

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Saturday 14 October	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Mary Irene Dempster (Lately Dead)**
Sunday 15 October	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Bernard King (Anniversary Remembrance)

Our Parishes now have a joint newsletter.
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: Robert Bradley, Peter Lyon, Patrick Donoghue

Anniversaries: Bernard King

Please remember the sick and those who care for them.
Joan Smith, Hazel Dempster, Rachel Capener, Ken Williams, Alan Mercer, Doug Faulke, 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

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 21: 33-43

1. The target audience of this allegorical parable are the Jewish chief priests and elders portrayed here as rejecting Jesus and his teaching and, as a consequence, losing out on what God was offering them. It is a story of opportunity for life presented and rejected, and they lose out in the process. How important have you found it to recognise and accept opportunities for growth, development, and new life when these were presented to you?

2. The parable is also a cautionary tale about the destructive effects of greed – doing violence to the rights of others which eventually destroys the greedy themselves. What attitude towards possessions has helped you to be at peace with yourself and at peace with others?

3. The vineyard of the Lord is an image for God's people. As we look at the vineyard we have been given, we can ask ourselves 'are we good tenants?' Recall times when you have been a good tenant and reached out caringly for those around you.

4. 'It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it was wonderful to see.' Sometimes a person not highly regarded plays a key role in a project, and it is wonderful to see. Can you recall examples of this?

John Byrne OSA

Confirmations 2023

There are 13 young people from our parishes who have registered for Confirmation. The ceremony for our part of the Deanery will be in St Robert Bellarmine's Church on Thursday 9th November at 7.00pm.

We look forward to working with them as they come closer to the celebration of Confirmation and ask you to keep them in your prayers.

FAMILIES OF PARISHES

Thank you to everyone who attended the meetings we held in our Parishes.

If you were unable to attend, please let us have your thoughts either in writing, by speaking to Alison or Christine after mass before 9 October or by emailing strobert@rcaol.org.uk in order that we can make a full report back to the Deanery Synodal Council at the end of October.

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 October 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_october_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;

Saturday 4 November from 10.00am – 12 noon at St Margaret Clitherow Centre (formerly LACE),

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

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day is on Friday 6 October. Donation envelopes are available at the back of Church to enable you to donate. For more information visit www.cafod.org.uk/fastday



St Robert Bellarmine
and
St Elizabeth of Hungary
Pray for Us



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.