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 **30th September 2023 – 8th October 2023**	Omega

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Saturday 30 September	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Patricia Kelly (Birthday Remembrance)**
Sunday 1 October	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Norah Higgins and May Halsall (Remembrance)
Tuesday 3 October	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Maureen Morrison (Remembrance)
Friday 6 October	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Intentions of people for expressions of sympathy received on the death of Tom Callaghan.

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Saturday 7 October	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**John Kelly (Lately Dead)**
Sunday 8 Octoer	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Anne Kelly (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:

Anniversaries: Anne Kelly

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, Peter Lyon

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 21:28-32

1. It is possible to be a dutiful and observant Christian, and yet feel there is something missing. Does it not make a huge difference when your heart is in what you are doing? It is so much better than just going through the motions. Where do you experience that most in your life?

2. The desire of Jesus for us is that we grow in that kind of committed, enthusiastic involvement in life. What encourages you to grow in this way? Recall times when your relationship with God, or with another person was something that gave you energy, hope or joy. What lessons do you learn from those memories?

3. The elders probably thought well of themselves in contrast to the tax collectors and sinners. Perhaps you know some unconventional people, ones who appear to ignore the 'right' way of doing things, and yet have taught you something about true goodness.

John Byrne OSA

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

There will be a Funeral Mass for
Mary Irene Dempster RIP on Friday 6th October at 12:15 pm at St Robert Bellarmine's Church.

May She Rest In Peace

FAMILIES OF PARISHES

The leaflet about the proposed Families of Parishes is still available at the back of church.
We ask you to please look carefully at it.
Spend some time reading it and reflecting on it.
You are then invited to attend a parish meeting at either Parish to share your thoughts with our Deanery Synodal Council representatives, Alison and Christine.

Our next meeting will be at St Robert Bellarmine's on Tuesday 3 October at 7.00pm.

If you are unable to attend either meeting, 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

ST MONICA'S CENTENARY

There is to be a Centenary Mass to celebrate the 100 years of the opening of St Monica's first church in October 1923. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will celebrate Mass at St. Monica's - 7.00.pm. on Friday, 6th October 2023, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. All are invited and welcome to join them for this great parish celebration.

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.