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 **16th September 2023 – 24th September 2023**	Omega

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Saturday 16 September	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Pauline Mason (Remembrance)**
Sunday 17 September	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Ken Higgins (Anniversary Remembrance)
Tuesday 19 September	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Margaret Carthy (Remembrance)
Friday 22 September	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Billy Mather (Anniversary Remembrance)

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Saturday 23 September	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Special Intention – Smith**
Sunday 24 September	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Patricia Cherry (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: Ken Higgins, Billy Mather

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, Irene Dempster

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 18:21-35

1. Jesus surprised Peter by telling him he needed to forgive seventy-seven times. Perhaps you have known the value of this when something reminds you of a past hurt and you find you need in your heart to forgive again the person who hurt you. What was this like for you? How has a capacity to have a forgiving heart helped you?

2. Sometimes we need to forgive ourselves for things we regret about past behaviour. What happens to you when you cannot do this? How has your ability to forgive yourself for past mistakes influenced your attitude towards yourself now?

3. Pope Francis chose as his motto 'miserando atque eligendo' *(seen with compassion and chosen)* to express his belief that Jesus viewed his past mistakes with compassion, and called him, nonetheless. At this moment can you see Jesus calling you, no matter what your past has been like?

4. Are there people whose ability to forgive has inspired you? Recall them and the forgiveness they showed and give thanks for their example.

John Byrne OSA

FAMILIES OF PARISHES

The vision that emerged from the Synod of the Archdiocese of Liverpool in 2021 is that Christ is at the centre. Christ shares our humanity. He died and rose in love for all. He now shares his mission with all the baptised and he unites us to him and each other in the Mass. At the heart of this vision is a commitment to create Families of Parishes. This will hopefully lead to brave decisions, which will then free resources for evangelisation and for the work of the Church. It is not about church closure but about financial and pastoral realities.

With the newsletter this weekend you will receive a leaflet about the proposed Families of Parishes.
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 meetings will be at St Elizabeth's on Saturday 23 September after the 5.00pm mass or 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

Catholic Pic

The September 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_september_2023

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Would you be able to volunteer to assist with either of these important ministries at Mass.

We need more Eucharistic Ministers, who can assist at Mass and go out to the sick and housebound. We need readers so that the Word of God can be proclaimed worthily and wisely.

Could you help? Could you volunteer? Do you need to know more about what is involved in a particular ministry? Please speak to one of us or pass your details to the Parish Office or complete a form at the back of Church.

FEAST OF ST ROBERT BELLARMINE

17th September is the Feast Day of St Robert Bellarmine.

We wish you all a very happy feast day.

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

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.

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.