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 **1st July 2023 – 9th July 2023**	Omega

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Saturday 1 July	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Mary Murphy (Lately Dead)**
Sunday 2 July	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Tommy Kelly (10th Anniversary Remembrance)
Tuesday 4 July	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Terry Ryan (Remembrance)
Friday 7 July	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Ann Tiernan (Sick)

FOUREENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Saturday 8 July	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Anne Phayer (Lately Dead)**
Sunday 9 July	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Cynthia Ferguson (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: Catherine Small,

Anniversaries: Mary Coughlin

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, Ann Archer, Gary Ford, Kathleen Colleran, Rose Westhead, John Rimmer, Jo Collins, Tony Mitchell, Sheila Thompson, Alan Wain, Dougie Wain, Janet Broomfield, Margaret Tarrington.

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 10: 37-42

1. At a first reading the demand of Jesus sounds selfish 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me.' It only makes sense when we realise that Jesus will never be outdone in generosity.

2. Jesus never wanted suffering for anyone but he knew that if we are going to follow in his footsteps, promoting love and respect for every person, we will meet with opposition. Fidelity has its price, but also rewards. Would you agree?

3. The passage is a call to both radical and practical discipleship. When have you found that in order to achieve a certain objective you had to make it a priority, and then take the practical steps necessary to reach your goal? What were the benefits to you when you did this?

4. Hate is a prophetic exaggeration for the uncompromising loyalty Jesus seeks in his disciples. There may be times when people make demands in conflict with fidelity to another relationship. This can be painful. When have you found that being clear about your priorities helped you in that situation?

John Byrne OSA

SUMMER MASSES

The Deanery will have a summer Mass schedule - this will mean changes across the Deanery starting on July 22nd until September 10th, so that the priests can cover for one another and ensure that every parish can still have a weekend Mass.

VOTIVE LIGHTS

Please take care with the votive lights, especially those near the statue of St Joseph at St Robert's.

Make sure they are straight in the tray before lighting and **DO NOT** place any lights underneath.

If any of the holders are full, please use one of the others.

DEMENTIA UK SUMMER SCHOOL

Dementia UK are hosting a free Summer School between Tuesday 4th and Friday 7th July, with the aim of improving practice in and knowledge of dementia care. Open to all health and social care staff, including students and volunteer workers, with an interest in improving care and support for families living with dementia.

Sessions will cover several topics including frailty, transitions in care, and palliative and end of life care. For more information, and to register, please visit: www.dementiauk.org/summer-school-2023/

All the sessions are online and you can just opt in to one or all of them, simply sign up for what you are interested in.

ST ROBERT BELLARMINE NURSERY

St Robert Bellarmine's Nursery has places available for September 2023.
Please contact the school directly for more information on 0151 922 1216 or admin.strobertbellarmine@schools.sefton.gov.uk

Catholic Pic

The July 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_july_2023

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.

MUSIC FOR A KING

The joint choirs of Liverpool Cathedral & Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral will join together on Saturday 8 July at 19.30 in a festive programme of 'Music for a King' in this coronation year.
See the poster at the back of church for details.

Lourdes Centenary Badges

To mark this year's centenary pilgrimage to Lourdes, there is a special badge on sale. They can be purchased from the Lourdes office for £2.50 each (P&P extra). All proceeds will go to the Lourdes fund. For more information, email lourdespilgrimage@rcaol.org.uk

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 new online ways to enable you to make your donation. I have provided details for both methods on this page. Thank you to those who continue to 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.