| 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>**24th June 2023 – 2nd July 2023** | Omega |
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# TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

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| **Saturday 24 June** | **(St Elizabeth's)** | **5.00 pm** | **Kevin Watters (Birthday and Anniversary Remembrance)** |
| Sunday 25 June | (St Robert's) | 11.00 am | Robbie Pennington (Sick) |
| Tuesday 27 June | (St Robert's) | 9.00 am | Billy Wright (Birthday Remembrance) |

**Feast of St Peter and St Paul**

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| Wednesday 28 June | (St Robert's) | 7.00 pm | Lenny Sangster (Remembrance) |
| Thursday 29 June | (St Elizabeth's) | 9.10 am | Kevin Biggins (Remembrance) |
| Friday 30 June | (St Robert's) | 9.00 am | Hazel Dempster (Sick) |

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

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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) |

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:** Thomas Callaghan, Betty Prescot, Martin McKeown

**Anniversaries:** Tommy Kelly, Margaret McDonough

**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 10:26-33**

1. 'Do not fear' is the unifying theme in this passage which is set in the context of a mission sermon by Jesus, preparing his disciples for what lay ahead. He urges them to have courage in speaking his message and living his message, drawing strength from their trust in the Father whose care for us exceeds his care for hundreds of sparrows. How has trust in God been a source of strength in life for you?

2. The body/soul terminology presupposes an anthropology in which the soul represents one's real self and the body is the perishable shell. For Jesus the important thing is to be true to one's real self, even if this does involve some material or physical loss or pain. When you have had that kind of courage, what was it like for you?

3. There is no such thing as secret discipleship. It is in declaring their allegiance to Jesus that his followers will find life. They will be the losers if they hide their discipleship. Does this resonate with your experience?

*John Byrne OSA*

**SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL**

Thursday 29th June is the Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The first mass for the Feast Day will be on Wednesday evening at 7.00pm in St Robert's.

There will be mass at 9.10am on Thursday morning at St Elizabeth's.

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

Are you a Catholic aged 20-45 (or know somebody who is)? Have a burning question about our faith, a desire to put your faith into action, or simply want to meet up and have meaningful discussions about religion, spirituality, and life with other Catholics your age? Let's explore our faith together in a welcoming environment – whether you go to church every week or haven't been for a while. Come along to St George's Catholic Church Social Club at 8pm on the last Tuesday of every month. All are welcome. Contact natasha-pritchard@hotmail.co.uk for further information.

**DEANERY SYNODAL COUNCIL UPDATE**

The Deanery Synodal Council met recently, and they plan to hold a series of parish consultation meetings in the early autumn as we prepare to recommend to the Archbishop our Family of Parishes. More information will follow.

Our reps are Alison Harley and Chris Jones.

**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.

**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 June 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_june_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.