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 **20th May 2023 – 28th May 2023**	Omega

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Saturday 20 May	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Mick Knight (30th Anniversary Remembrance)**
Sunday 21 May	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Maureen & Henry Rimmer and Michael Rumsey (Anniversary Remembrance)
Tuesday 23 May	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Laurence Cassidy (Lately Dead)
Friday 26 May	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Kay Myles (Lately Dead)

FEAST OF PENTECOST (YEAR A)

Saturday 27 May	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Sadeep and Madurika Saparamadu (Wedding Anniversary)**
Sunday 28 May	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Lee Newhall (Birthday 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: Cynthia Marie Ferguson

Anniversaries: Mick Knight, Maureen Rimmer, Henry Rimmer, Michael Rumsey

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.

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.

Something to Think About
John 17:1-11

In today's gospel, Jesus prays to the Father for himself, his disciples, and all believers. As Catholics, this passage is particularly significant as it highlights the importance of unity and communion within the Church.

In the opening verses, Jesus addresses the Father, acknowledging that his hour has come and that he will soon be glorified. He speaks of the eternal life that comes from knowing God, emphasizing the significance of a personal relationship with the Father.

As Catholics, we understand the importance of building and maintaining a close relationship with God through prayer and the sacraments. It is through this relationship that we can experience the fullness of life that Jesus speaks of in this passage.

Jesus then turns his attention to his disciples, praying for them and asking the Father to keep them safe from the evil one. He speaks of the unity that he and the Father share, and prays that his disciples may also be united with him and with one another.

This message of unity is particularly relevant to the Catholic Church today, as we grapple with divisions and disagreements within our community. Jesus' prayer reminds us of the importance of coming together as one body in Christ, despite our differences.

Finally, Jesus extends his prayer to all believers, praying that they too may be united with him and with one another. He speaks of the love that the Father has for him, and prays that this same love may be in all believers.

As Catholics, today's readings remind us that we are called to love one another as Christ loved us. This love extends beyond our immediate community to all believers around the world. Through prayer and communion with one another, we can work towards the unity that Jesus prayed for in this passage.

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

There will be a funeral mass for the late **Cynthia Maria 'Emma' Ferguson** on Thursday 25th May at 1.00pm at St Robert Bellarmine's Church.

May She Rest In Peace

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 the Lourdes fund. For more information, email lourdespilgrimage@rcaol.org.uk

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Janet and Keith who provided the plants that were recently sold in aid of Jospice and the #Liverpool4Ukraine Appeal, and to all those who bought them.

£60.00 was raised and the money split between the two good causes.

Catholic Pic

The May 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_may_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.

LOURDES CENTENARY YEAR

Do you have any photographs or video clips you have taken on the archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. If you do and are happy to share them publicly please contact lourdespilgrimage@rcaol.org.uk including your name, parish and year(s) you travelled.

More details can be found at www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news/lourdes-centenary-year-we-need-your-help

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.