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 **13th May 2023 – 21st May 2023**	Omega

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Saturday 13 May	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Pat McCumiskey (Lately Dead)**
Sunday 14 May	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Brian Hughes (Birthday Remembrance)
Tuesday 16 May	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Intentions of Eileen Corley and family.

Feast of the Ascension

Wednesday 17 May	(St Robert's)	7.00 pm	Eric Worthington (Easter Remembrance)
Thursday 18 May	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**9.10 am**	**Patricia Kelly (Anniversary Remembrance)**
Friday 19 May	No Mass this morning		

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

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)

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: Marie Simpson, 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

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
John 14: 15-21

1. 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments', and specifically the commandment to love one another (cf. 13.34). How have you experienced the link between love of God and love of those around you?

2. Jesus is preparing his disciples for his imminent departure and for a future in which he would be with them in a different way. He would not 'leave them orphans' but send an 'Advocate' to 'be with (them) for ever'. 'He is with you, he is in you'. How have you experienced the presence of God with you in your life?

3. Perhaps you have also experienced the challenge of preparing another (a child, a friend) for a time when you would no longer be physically together. Recall how you gave the message of your ongoing support.

4. How have you experienced the presence and support of a loved one (parent, spouse, friend) when circumstances have separated you from them?

The proof of the ongoing presence of Jesus with his disciples is that 'I live and you will live'. Discipleship is about much more than rules and regulations. It is about being alive. How has discipleship helped you to be more fully alive?

John Byrne OSA

St Elizabeth's First Holy Communions

This Friday, 19th May, the children from Year 4 of St Elizabeth's Primary School will receive the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time.
Please keep them in your prayers.

There will be no 9.00am mass at St Robert Bellarmine's that morning.

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

Please take note of the changes to the weekday mass times next week.

Thursday 18th May is the Feast of the Ascension and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

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

There will be mass at 9.00am on Thursday morning at St Elizabeth's.

There will be no mass at St Robert's on Friday.

Thanksgiving Mass for Bishop Tom Williams

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will celebrate a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Tom Williams' 20 years' ministry as Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool on Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 7.00pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.

Everyone is invited to the Mass and the Drinks Reception which will follows.

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

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

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.