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 **15th April 2023 – 23rd April 2023**	Omega

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Saturday 15 April	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Bridget Watters (Anniversary Remembrance)**
Sunday 16 April	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Janet Fowler (Birthday Remembrance)
Tuesday 18 April	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Alice and Tom O'Brien (Anniversary Remembrance)
Friday 21 April	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Intentions of Rene and Claude Ervel

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

Saturday 22 April	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Carl Jones (1st Anniversary Remembrance)**
Sunday 23 April	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Patricia Cherry (Easter 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.

Please note, the Parish Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between 9:30am and 1:30pm.
The office will be closed on Friday 7 April (Good Friday).
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: Laurence Cassidy

Anniversaries: Carl Jones, John Simpson, Alice O'Brien, Tom O'Brien

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 20:19-31

1. 'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were frightened? For whom have you been an agent of peace?

2. Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What part have doubts and questions played on your faith journey? How has your faith been strengthened by such moments?

3. Note the way Jesus dealt with Thomas. He did not give out because he doubted. He took him where he was and led him along to see the truth of his resurrection. Who has been that kind of a teacher for you, gently taking you where you were and leading you on to a deeper knowledge of some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of teacher?

4. 'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed'. That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having had to prove every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Who have you been able to trust in a similar manner?

John Byrne OSA

THE METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL

The Metropolitan Cathedral has launched two brand new visitor resources.

Firstly, there's a new interactive family trail, especially designed for younger visitors. Free to access from any smartphone, Explore with Eva takes visitors on a treasure-hunt style journey around the Cathedral.

There is also an immersive audio tour, which enables local and international visitors to experience the sights and sounds of the Metropolitan Cathedral like never before. For more information, visit:
https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news/metropolitan-cathedral-launches-new-family-trail-and-audio-tour

VOLUNTEER VISITORS

Following the recent assembly held at St Elizabeth's school on Holocaust Memorial Day, we have been approached by the Association of Jewish Refugees who are looking for volunteer visitors in the Litherland area. Full training will be given for this very rewarding volunteer work. For further details contact Fran at fran@ajr.org.uk

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.

UKRAINE

The Archdiocese are planning a fifth trip to the Ukraine border in May. Your monetary donations are still welcome.

Becoming a Church that cares for its priests: Sharing the journey so far. An update from your priests.

Following the recent letter from the Archbishop a copy of the document referred to is available for all to take and read.

You may have questions arising from this document, or from the update from the Deanery Synodal Council that was on the newsletter last week.

If you do, there is now a question and suggestion box at the back of each church. Please place any questions or suggestions in there and Alison, Chris and Fr. Faustinus will do their best to answer them.

Catholic Pic

The April 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_april_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

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.