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 April 2023 – 9th April 2023**	Omega

PALM (PASSION) (YEAR A)

PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY

Saturday 1 April	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Michael O'Connor (Anniversary Remembrance)**
Sunday 2 April	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Anne, Len and Baby Evelyn Hope Delamere)
Monday 3 April	**(St Robert's)**	**7.00 pm**	**Service of Reconciliation**
Tuesday 4 April	**(St Robert's)**	**9.00 am**	**Irene Mills (Birthday Remembrance)**
Tuesday 4 April	(St Elizabeth's)	7.00 pm	Service of Reconciliation
Wednesday 5 April		7.30 pm	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
Thursday 6 April	**(St Robert's)**	**7.00 pm**	**Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching**
Friday 7 April	**(St Robert's)**	**12.00 noon**	**Stations of the Cross**
Friday 7 April	(St Elizabeth's)	3.00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion

EASTER SUNDAY (YEAR C)

Saturday 8 April **Easter Vigil Mass**	**(St Robert's)**	**7.00 pm**	**Thomas and Esther O'Shea (Easter Remembrance)**
Sunday 9 April	(St Elizabeth's)	9.30 am	Maureen and Kevin Cullen (Birthday Remembrance)
Sunday 9 April	**(St Robert's)**	**11.00 am**	**Billy Wright (Lately Dead)**

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: Pat McCumiskey, Sylvia Harley

Anniversaries: Michael O'Connor

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
Matthew 26:14-27:66

The account of the Passion is a vivid story with a variety of characters and much action. To enter into the passage we can read the story slowly and see if we can identify with different characters in the story. Also any one scene within the story can provide us with much food for reflection and prayer. Keep in mind that one of the aims in reflecting on the passage is to discover the GOOD NEWS the story has for us. Here are just a few general pointers for prayer.

1. The identity of Jesus is revealed as the Messiah and the Son of God, not with a display of human power, but as one who was prepared to suffer unto death to show us how God loves us. How does the Passion story speak to you as a revelation of how God loves you? When has the willingness of another person to go to great lengths on your behalf been an eyeopener of their love for you?

2. Jesus gives us an example of patient endurance and faithfulness in suffering. Suffering is something we all encounter. It is not something that anyone likes but sometimes we cope with it better than others. What have you found helps you to cope better with suffering?

3. As you read through the narrative of the Passion where do you find yourself resonating with a character in the action? Is there any message there for you that is life-giving?

John Byrne OSA

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Reconciliation Service
St Robert Bellarmine – Monday 3rd 7.00pm
St Elizabeth – Tuesday 4th 7.00pm
There will also be an opportunity for individual confession after the Service.

Holy Thursday
St Robert Bellarmine 7.00pm - followed by Watching until 9.00pm

Good Friday
St Robert Bellarmine – Stations of the Cross 12 noon
St Elizabeth – Liturgy of The Passion 3.00pm

Easter Saturday Vigil Mass
St Robert Bellarmine – 7.00pm

Easter Sunday Mass
St Elizabeth 9.30am
St Robert Bellarmine 11.00am

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 donations are still welcome.

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

Following the Archbishop's letter last weekend 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

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to all those who supported the Easter Raffle which raised £117.00 for parish funds.

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.