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 **25th February 2023 – 5th March 2023**	Omega

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

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Saturday 25 February	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Maureen Jones (Lately Dead)**
Sunday 26 February	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	William Chegwin (Anniversary Remembrance)
Tuesday 28 February	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Private Intention
Friday 3 March	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Peter Hughes (Remembrance)

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 4 March	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Denise Antionette Tierney (Anniversary Remembrance)**
Sunday 5 March	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Carl Jones (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.
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:

Anniversaries: William Chegwin, Denise Antionette Tierney

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, Marie Burns, Christopher Bateman.

(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.)

Donations for Ukraine

Thank you for your continued support.

If you would still like to donate, please visit

https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/donate/fund/ly8hvxhp

or contact the Parish Office, or hand in your donation in an envelope marked Ukraine.

Anointing of the Sick:

At the recent meeting of the Deanery priests, it was decided to offer the sacrament of the sick after Friday Mass each week in Lent. This is not for multiple anointings - it is to awaken awareness of this wonderful healing sacrament and to invite anyone who is sick, going into hospital, anxious or mentally frail to come and received Gods help and strength.

Every Friday after morning Mass (about 9.25am).

CONFIRMATION 2023

Any young person currently in year 8 is welcome to register to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Registration will close on 17 March.

To register they should visit www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk and click 'Register for Confirmation' at the top right-hand side of the page.

EASTER RAFFLE

Raffle tickets for St Robert's Easter Raffle are on sale at the back of Church.

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.

Catholic Pic

The February 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_february_2023

PARISH MINISTRY

Is there a ministry in which you could help?

Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Music, Welcomer, the list is endless.

Please pass your details into the parish office, or complete the form at the back of church.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

Our Lenten Fast Day is on Friday 3rd March. Please use one of the CAFOD envelopes which you can find at the back of Church. Thank you.

Seeing Yourself Through the Lens of The Gospel
Matthew 4:1-11

1. In today's gospel Jesus is enticed to gratify his own needs, or to perform some spectacular act in public. He rejects the temptation because he chooses commitment to his mission and to dependence on his Father over any immediate gratification. We can all be tempted to go for some immediate satisfaction, …. but is that where happiness lies? Have you found that sometimes there is more contentment in saying 'no' for the sake of some long-term goal? What are the goals, aims, values that inspire you in this way?

2. One way of looking at this gospel is to say that Jesus went into the desert to face his demons. We all have demons we need to face – compulsions, fears, prejudices, anger, and urges that lurk within. It is in facing our demons that we find a way to live a fuller life. Can you recall a time when you grew through facing a 'demon' in this way?

3. In one of her reflections Joyce Rupp describes Lent as a 'time to rediscover lost treasures'. Is there something that once was a healthy part of your life and is no longer there: e.g., reading, exercise, mindfulness, prayer, socialising, fun? Would this Lent be a time to rediscover that lost treasure?

John Byrne OSA

COME AND SING

On Saturday 25 March, the cathedral is hosting a come and sing event for singers of all ages and abilities.

A 'come and sing' choir is a group of individuals (or sometimes an established choir/singing group) that joins together with other like-minded people to form a special choir for a day.

More details on the poster at the back of church.

WARM & COSY

Parish Centres across the Archdiocese are taking part in the 'Warm & Cosy' initiative, where the Centres will be open for anyone to drop in for a warm, free tea, coffee and biscuits. In our area, the following clubs are open from 1.00pm until 3.00pm or 3.30pm

St Elizabeth's on Mondays, St Benet's on Tuesdays, St Monica's on Wednesdays, St Robert's on Thursdays and Our Lady of Walsingham on Thursdays. Holy Rosary on Fridays from 12.00noon.

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.