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 232709 **31st December 2022 – 8th January 2023**	Omega

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Saturday 31 December	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**John Patrick Sheekey (Remembrance)**
Sunday 1 January	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Geoff Gavan (Anniversary Remembrance)
Tuesday 2 January	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Nora Houlton (Birthday Remembrance)

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday 5 January	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**7.00 pm**	**People of the Parish**
Friday 6 January	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Mike Keelan (Anniversary Remembrance)

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday 7 January	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Carl Jones (Remembrance)**
Sunday 8 January	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	0Pat Cherry (Christmas 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: Alan Thompson

Anniversaries: Geoff Gavan, Len Delamere, Mike Keelan

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, Paula Woods, Kathleen Colleran, Rose Westhead, John Rimmer, Jo Collins.

(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

Donations for Ukraine

Thank you for your continued support.
During Advent, the 'Intentions Tree' will be at the back of church for your special intentions. Please add your intention to one of the tags and tie it to the tree Donations will be sent to the Archdiocesan Ukraine appeal.

Financial donations now stand at over £145,000.00.

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.

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 which indicates which church and Mass you would like to volunteer for.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Friday 6 January is the Feast of The Epiphany and is a Holy day of Obligation.

There will be mass at St Elizabeth's on Thursday evening at 7.00pm and mass at St Robert's on Friday morning at 9.00am.

CHRISTMAS WISHES

A very Happy Christmas and a blessed New Year to all Parishioners of St Elizabeth's and St Robert Bellarmine's and to any visitors over the holiday season.

Thank you to all those who have helped to prepare both Churches for Christmas.

Also, a very sincere thank you for all your cards, gifts and good wishes from Fr Barry and Fr Faustinus

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all those who have worked hard over the last year to keep both churches looking beautiful inside and out, and to all those who have got ready the flowers and cribs for Christmas

Catholic Pic

The January issue of the Catholic Pic is now available at the back of church.

The online version will be available next week.

Seeing Yourself Through the Lens of The Gospel
Luke 2:16-21

1. The story tells us that the shepherds helped Mary to realise the significance of the child born to her. She treasured their words and pondered their meaning. Who have been the people who have helped you to understand the meaning of significant events in your life? Remember them gratefully.

2. We are told that Mary 'pondered these things in her heart'. What part has prayerful reflection on life played for you? How has it been helpful to you in deepening your appreciation for the gift of life?

3. When the shepherds realized that they had been witnesses to a wonderful manifestation of God's love for his people they glorified and praised God. Recall ways in which you have been made aware of God's love for you. How have you expressed your gratitude?

John Byrne OSA

THE WHITECHAPEL CENTRE

We are collecting tea, coffee and biscuits for the Whitechapel Centre again this year. If you are able, please leave your donations at the back of church.

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL DIRECTORY 2023

The 2023 Archdiocesan Directory is available to buy at the back of both churches.
Cost is £3.50

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 will be open on Fridays from 12.00noon until 2.00pm with a warm lunch at 12.30pm

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.